

Journal of the House

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

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

Devotional Exercises

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

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 61

By Senator Ashe,

J.R.S. 61. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, September 3, 2020, or, Friday, September 4, 2020, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Was taken up, read and adopted in concurrence.

Committee Relieved of Consideration and Bill Committed to Other Committee

S. 187

Rep. Pugh of South Burlington moved that the committee on Human Services be relieved of Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to transient occupancy for health care treatment and recovery

And that the bill be committed to the committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs, which was agreed to.

Committee Relieved of Consideration and Bill Committed to Other Committee

S. 119

Rep. Copeland Hanzas of Bradford moved that the committee on Government Operations be relieved of Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to a statewide use of deadly force policy for law enforcement

And that the bill be committed to the committee on Judiciary, which was agreed to.

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence

S. 337

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to energy efficiency entities and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the thermal energy and transportation sectors

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

**Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in
With a Further Amendment Thereto**

H. 683

The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled

An act relating to the protection of migratory birds

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 2, 10 V.S.A. § 4902, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

§ 4902. WILD BIRDS GENERALLY; NO OPEN SEASON; EXCEPTION

(a) Wild birds, other than pigeons, shall not be taken, possessed, bought, or sold, at any time, except as provided by this part, rules of the Board or orders of the Commissioner. ~~Birds coming from without the State belonging to the same family as those protected by this subchapter shall not be bought or sold.~~

(b) Harm or death of a migratory bird listed as protected in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 703–712 as of July 1, 2020, that results from human activity where the intent was not to harm or kill the bird, but where bird harm or death was a direct and foreseeable result of the activity, is prohibited. Nothing in this section shall require the Department to implement a new permitting program.

Second: In Sec. 3, 10 V.S.A. § 4910, by striking out the following:

“Enforcement of this provision, shall be in accordance with 10 V.S.A. Section 4520.”

Pending the question Will the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment? **Rep. Dolan of Waitsfield**, moved to concur in the Senate proposal of amendment with a further amendment thereto as follows:

In Sec. 4, effective date, by striking “July 1, 2020” and inserting in lieu thereof “passage”

Which was agreed to.

Adjournment

At two o'clock and thirty-one minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock in the afternoon.