

Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Julian Asucan of Montpelier.

Pledge of Allegiance

The President then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

Bill Referred to Committee on Finance

S. 86.

Senate bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Finance:

An act relating to increasing the legal age for buying and using cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and other tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age.

Bills Introduced

Senate bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred:

S. 126.

By Senator Sirotkin,

An act relating to a deduction for medical expenses.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 127.

By Senator White,

An act relating to the definition and rights of temporary State employees.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 128.

By Senator Ingram,

An act relating to physician assistant licensure.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 129.

By Senators Collamore, Benning, Bray, Brock, Hooker, Ingram, Mazza, McNeil, Parent, Pollina, Starr and Westman,

An act relating to exemption military retirement pay from Vermont income tax.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 130.

By Senators Benning, Campion and Sears,

An act relating to exempting veterinary supplies from sales tax.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 131.

By Senator Cummings,

An act relating to insurance and securities.

To the Committee on Finance.

Bill Amended; Bill Passed**S. 23.**

Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to increasing the minimum wage.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senators Sirotkin and Nitka moved to amend the bill by as follows:

First: In Sec. 2, 21 V.S.A. § 383(2)(I), after the period, by inserting the following: As used in this subdivision (2)(I), “regular vacation periods” does not include the period between two successive academic years.

Second: By striking out Sec. 6 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 6 to read as follows:

Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) In Sec. 2, 21 V.S.A. § 383, the amendments to subdivisions (2)(G) and (I) shall take effect on January 1, 2020. The remaining provisions of Sec. 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

(b) The remaining sections of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

Which was agreed to.

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

Bill Passed**S. 27.**

Senate bill of the following title was read the third time and passed:

An act relating to maintaining the home health agency provider tax.

Third Reading Ordered**S. 89.**

Senator Cummings, for the Committee on Finance, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to allowing reflective health benefit plans at all metal levels.

Reported that the bill ought to pass.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, February 27, 2019.