

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Message from the House No. 56

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Rebecca Silbernagel, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed a House bill of the following title:

H. 544. An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington.

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

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

S. 149. An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to vehicles and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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

The House has considered joint resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

J.R.S. 26. Joint resolution relating with weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Bills Referred to Committee on Appropriations

House bills of the following titles, appearing on the Calendar for notice and carrying an appropriation or requiring the expenditure of funds, under the rule were severally referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

H. 205. An act relating to the regulation of neonicotinoid pesticides.

H. 460. An act relating to sealing and expungement of criminal history records.

H. 531. An act relating to Vermont's child care and early learning system.

Bill Referred

House bill of the following title was read the first time:

H. 544. An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington.

And pursuant to Temporary Rule 44A was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Proposal of Amendment; Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment

H. 132.

House bill entitled:

An act relating to adopting protections against housing discrimination for victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senator Sirotkin moved to amend the Senate proposal of amendment in Sec. 8 in subdivision (a)(2), by striking out the following: "Sec. 5" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: Sec. 6

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senator Sears moved to amend the Senate proposal of amendment by striking out Sec. 3 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 3 to read as follows:

Sec. 3. PROTECTED TENANT SELF-CERTIFICATION; FORM

(a) The Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, in collaboration with the Vermont Apartment Owners Association and other interested parties, shall:

(1) develop and make available a standard self-certification form for use by protected tenants pursuant to 9 V.S.A. § 4472(b);

(2) provide the self-certification form to the Department for Children and Families, once developed; and

(3) provide a status report regarding the form, its availability, and its use to the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General

Affairs and to the House Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs on or before January 15, 2020.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Proposal of Amendment; Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment

H. 528.

House bill entitled:

An act relating to the Rural Health Services Task Force.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senator McCormack moved to amend the Senate proposal of amendment in Sec. 2, report; analysis of residential mental health needs, in subsection (a), in the third sentence, by inserting prior to the period and with past or present program participants or individuals in need of residential programs, or both

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

Third Reading Ordered

H. 82.

Senator Collamore, for the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to the taxation of timber harvesting equipment.

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Senator Campion, for the Committee on Finance, to which the bill was referred, reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

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

Rules Suspended; Bill Committed

H. 533.

Pending entry on the Calendar for notice, on motion of Senator Sirotkin, the rules were suspended and House bill entitled:

An act relating to workforce development.

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

Thereupon, pending the reading of the report of the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, Senator Sirotkin moved that Senate Rule 49 be suspended in order to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with the report of the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs *intact*,

Which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until eleven o'clock and thirty minutes in the morning.