

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Third Reading Ordered

S. 335.

Senate committee bill entitled:

An act relating to universal access to afterschool programs.

Having appeared on the Calendar for notice for one day, was taken up.

Senator McCormack, for the Committee on Appropriations, to which the bill was referred, reported recommending that the bill be amended in Sec. 2 (Task Force for Universal Afterschool Access) by striking out subsections (g) and (h) in their entireties and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(g) Reimbursement.

(1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, a legislative member of the Task Force serving in his or her capacity as a legislator shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406 for not more than six meetings. The Legislative Branch shall administer reimbursement for legislative members of the Task Force.

(2) Members of the Task Force who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than six meetings. The Agency of Human Services shall administer reimbursement for the Task Force members specified in this subdivision from funds available from the appropriation made in 2018 (Special Session) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106.2, specifically from the funds allocated for afterschool programming in the spending plan for this appropriation adopted by the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July 27, 2018 meeting.

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

Governor's Veto Overridden

Senate Bill entitled:

S. 23. An act relating to increasing the minimum wage.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, the pending question, Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the refusal of the Governor to approve it?, was decided in the affirmative on a roll call required by the Vermont Constitution, Yeas 24, Nays 6. (the necessary *override* two-thirds vote *having* been attained).

Roll Call

Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were: Ashe, Balint, Baruth, Bray, Champion, Clarkson, Cummings, Hardy, Hooker, Ingram, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Nitka, Pearson, Perchlik, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Starr, Westman, White.

Those Senators who voted in the negative were: Benning, Brock, Collamore, Mazza, McNeil, Parent.

Bill Amended; Bill Passed

S. 128.

Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to physician assistant licensure.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senator Sirotkin moved to amend the bill in Sec. 3, 26 V.S.A. § 1444 (liability for actions of agent), by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b)(1) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to a nurse acting pursuant to chapter 28 of this title.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to a physician assistant acting pursuant to chapter 31 of this title. Liability for the actions or inactions of a physician assistant shall be governed by the provisions of section 1739 of this title.

Which was agreed to.

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

Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment

H. 83.

House bill of the following title was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment:

An act relating to female genital cutting.

Message from the House No. 17

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

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed House bills of the following titles:

H. 1. An act relating to agreements not to compete.

H. 608. An act relating to incompatible local offices.

H. 722. An act relating to the Department of Libraries.

H. 793. An act relating to the powers and duties of the Auditor of Accounts.

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

Adjournment

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