

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

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. 25

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 a House bill of the following title:

H. 557. An act relating to municipal regulation of livestock running at large.

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. 240. An act relating to recruiting new remote workers and new relocating workers.

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

The Governor has informed the House that on February 27, 2020, he approved and signed a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 83. An act relating to prohibiting female genital mutilation or cutting.

Bills Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Senate 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:

S. 226. An act relating to statewide public school employee health benefits.

S. 243. An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission.

S. 302. An act relating to establishing a mental health mobile response unit pilot program in the city of Rutland.

Bill Referred

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

H. 557.

An act relating to municipal regulation of livestock running at large.
To the Committee on Government Operations.

Bill Passed

S. 336.

Senate bill of the following title was read the third time and passed:
An act relating to establishing standards for the sale of hemp seed.

Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered

S. 281.

Senator Hardy, for the Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to the Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont.

Reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. WORKING GROUP ON THE STATUS OF LIBRARIES IN
VERMONT; REPORT

(a) Creation. There is created the Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont to study and report on the statewide status of Vermont's libraries. The Working Group is formed with the intent of strengthening and supporting libraries of all sizes and improving library services for the public.

(b) Membership. The Working Group shall be composed of the following members:

(1) the State Librarian;

(2) the President of the Vermont Library Association or designee;

(3) the Executive Director of the Vermont Humanities Council or designee;

(4) three representatives of public libraries, who shall be from libraries of different sizes and from different regions of the State, appointed by the State Librarian;

(5) two representatives of public school libraries, who shall be from schools of different sizes and from different regions of the State, appointed by the Secretary of Education;

(6) two representatives of college and university libraries, appointed by the President of the College and Special Libraries Section of the Vermont Library Association; and

(7) one public library trustee, appointed by the President of the Friends and Trustees Section of the Vermont Library Association.

(c) Powers and Duties. The Working Group shall study:

(1) library services for specific segments of the Vermont population, including senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, youths and children, immigrant and migrant communities, and people living in poverty;

(2) the role that libraries play in emergency preparedness, cultural diversity and inclusion, public health and safety, community identity and resiliency, economic development, and access to public programs and services; and

(3) the current overall status of Vermont libraries, which may include information related to programming, collections, facilities, technology, and staffing.

(A) Programming. The Working Group may study the types and frequency of library programs, attendance at library programs, and whether library programs are meeting community needs. The study of programming may include an assessment of public engagement and outreach surrounding library programming, as well as the opportunities for nonlibrary programs and groups to access Vermont libraries.

(B) Collections. The Working Group may study the size and diversity of library holdings and assess the strengths and gaps in materials available to Vermonters. The study of collections may include an assessment of how libraries may best share resources across differing libraries and communities, whether libraries offer community-specific resources, and whether libraries maintain special collections or historical artifacts.

(C) Facilities. The Working Group may study whether library facilities and buildings could be improved with regard to energy efficiency, accessibility, flexibility, human health and safety, historic preservation, and intergenerational needs.

(D) Technology. The Working Group may study whether Vermont libraries have sufficient access to basic technological resources, cyber-security

resources, high-speed Internet, electronic catalogs, interlibrary loan and other interoperable systems, and appropriate hardware and software.

(E) Staff. The Working Group may study staffing levels at Vermont libraries, whether staffing levels are sufficient to meet community needs, whether library staff compensation and benefits are sufficient, how libraries rely on volunteers, and what resources are available for workforce development and training of library staff.

(d) Public Input. As part of the study and report, the Working Group shall solicit feedback from the general public and library users around the State. The Working Group may examine models for library management and organization in other states, including the formation of statewide service networks.

(e) Consultation with the Board of Libraries. The Working Group may solicit feedback from the Board of Libraries.

(f) Assistance. The Working Group shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Department of Libraries. For purposes of scheduling meetings and preparing recommended legislation, the Working Group shall have the assistance of the Office of Legislative Council.

(g) Report. On or before November 1, 2021, the Working Group shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Education. The report shall contain:

(1) specific and detailed findings and proposals concerning the issues set forth in subsection (c) of this section;

(2) recommendations for updating the statutes, rules, standards, and the governance structures of Vermont libraries to ensure equitable access for Vermont residents, efficient use of resources, and quality in the provision of services;

(3) recommendations related to the funding needs of Vermont libraries, including capital, ongoing, and special funding, and an assessment of whether there is a need for State aid and, if so, the amounts that may be distributed; and

(4) any other information or recommendations that the Working Group may deem necessary.

(h) Meetings.

(1) The State Librarian shall be the Chair of the Working Group.

(2) The Chair shall call the first meeting of the Working Group to occur within 45 days after the effective date of this act.

(3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

(4) The Working Group shall cease to exist on December 1, 2021.

(i) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Working Group shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than 12 meetings. These payments shall be made from the General Fund.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

And that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

Senator McCormack, for the Committee on Appropriations, to which the bill was referred, reported recommending that the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Education with the following amendments thereto:

First: In Sec. 1, Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont; report, in subsection (f), immediately following the first sentence, by striking out the following: “For purposes of scheduling meetings and preparing recommended legislation, the Working Group shall have the assistance of the Office of Legislative Council.”

Second: In Sec. 1, Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont; report, in subdivision (g)(3), immediately following the words “and special funding” by striking out the following: “, and an assessment of whether there is a need for State aid and, if so, the amounts that may be distributed”

Third: In Sec. 1, Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont; report, by striking out subsection (i) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof two new subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows:

(i) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Working Group shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than 12 meetings. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the Department of Libraries.

(j) Appropriation. The sum of \$4,000.00 is appropriated to Department of Libraries from the General Fund in fiscal year 2021 for per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses for members of the Working Group.

And that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, the recommendation of amendment of the Committee on Education was amended as recommended by the Committee on Appropriations.

Thereupon, the pending question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Education, as amended?, was decided in the affirmative.

Thereupon, third reading of the bill was ordered.

S. 296.

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

An act relating to limiting out-of-pocket expenses for prescription insulin drugs.

Reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4089i is amended to read:

§ 4089i. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

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(h)(1) A health insurance or other health benefit plan offered by a health insurer or pharmacy benefit manager shall limit a beneficiary's total out-of-pocket responsibility for prescription insulin medications to not more than \$100.00 per 30-day supply, regardless of the amount, type, or number of insulin medications prescribed for the beneficiary.

(2) The \$100.00 monthly limit on out-of-pocket spending for prescription insulin medications set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply regardless of whether the beneficiary has satisfied any applicable deductible requirement under the health insurance or health benefit plan.

(i) As used in this section:

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(7) "Prescription insulin medication" means a prescription medication that contains insulin and is used to treat diabetes.

(i)(j) The Department of Financial Regulation shall enforce this section and may adopt rules as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021 and shall apply to health insurance and other health benefit plans on or after January 1, 2021 on such

date as a health insurer or pharmacy benefit manager issues, offers, or renews the plan, but in no event later than January 1, 2022.

And that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

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.

Joint Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 43.

Joint Senate resolution entitled:

Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly to vote on the retention of five Superior Judges and one Environmental Judges.

Having been placed on the Calendar for action, was taken up and adopted on the part of the Senate.

Senator Ashe Assumes the Chair

Bills Amended; Third Readings Ordered

S. 183.

Senator White, for the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to competency to stand trial and insanity as a defense.

Reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 4816 is amended to read:

§ 4816. SCOPE OF EXAMINATION; REPORT; EVIDENCE

(a) Examinations provided for in section 4815 of this title shall have reference to one or both of the following:

(1) ~~mental~~ Mental competency of the person examined to stand trial for the alleged offense; ~~and~~.

(2) ~~sanity~~ Sanity of the person examined at the time of the alleged offense.

(b) A competency evaluation for an individual thought to have a developmental disability shall include a current evaluation by a psychologist skilled in assessing individuals with developmental disabilities.

(c)(1) As soon as practicable after the examination has been completed, the examining psychiatrist or psychologist, ~~if applicable,~~ shall prepare a report containing findings in regard to ~~each of the applicable matters listed in provisions of~~ subsection (a) of this section. The report shall be transmitted to the court issuing the order for examination, and copies of the report sent to the State's Attorney, ~~and,~~ to the respondent's attorney if the respondent is represented by counsel, ~~and to the Commissioner of Mental Health.~~

(2) If the psychiatrist or psychologist has been asked to provide opinions as to both the person's competency to stand trial and the person's sanity at the time of the alleged offense, those opinions shall be presented in separate reports, and addressed separately by the court. In such cases, the examination of the person's sanity shall only be undertaken if the psychiatrist or psychologist is able to form the opinion that the person is competent to stand trial.

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Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 4820 is amended to read:

§ 4820. HEARING REGARDING COMMITMENT

(a) When a person charged on information, complaint, or indictment with a criminal offense:

(1) Is reported by the examining psychiatrist following examination pursuant to sections 4814–4816 of this title to have been insane at the time of the alleged offense.

(2) Is found upon hearing pursuant to section 4817 of this title to be incompetent to stand trial due to a mental disease or mental defect.

(3) Is not indicted upon hearing by grand jury by reason of insanity at the time of the alleged offense, duly certified to the court.

(4) Upon trial by court or jury is acquitted by reason of insanity at the time of the alleged offense; the court before which such person is tried or is to be tried for such offense, shall hold a hearing for the purpose of determining whether such person should be committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health. Such person may be confined in jail or some other suitable place by order of the court pending hearing for a period not exceeding 15 days.

(b) When a person is found to be incompetent to stand trial pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section, has not been indicted by reason of insanity for the alleged offense, or has been acquitted by reason of insanity at the time of the alleged offense, the court shall appoint counsel from Vermont Legal Aid to represent the person who is the subject of the proceedings. The Department

of Mental Health shall be entitled to appear and call witnesses at the proceeding and be represented by the Office of the Attorney General.

Sec. 3. 13 V.S.A. § 4822 is amended to read:

§ 4822. FINDINGS AND ORDER; PERSONS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS

(a) If the court finds that the person is a person in need of treatment or a patient in need of further treatment as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 7101, the court shall issue an order of commitment directed to the Commissioner of Mental Health that shall admit the person to the care and custody of the Department of Mental Health for an indeterminate period. In any case involving personal injury or threat of personal injury, the committing court may issue an order requiring a court hearing before a person committed under this section may be discharged from custody.

(b) An order of commitment issued pursuant to this section shall have the same force and effect as an order issued under 18 V.S.A. §§ 7611–7622, and a person committed under this order shall have the same status and the same rights, including the right to receive care and treatment, to be examined and discharged, and to apply for and obtain judicial review of his or her case, as a person ordered committed under 18 V.S.A. §§ 7611–7622.

(c)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, at least 10 days prior to the proposed discharge of any person committed under this section, the Commissioner of Mental Health shall give notice of the discharge to the committing court and State’s Attorney of the county where the prosecution originated. In all cases requiring a hearing prior to discharge of a person found incompetent to stand trial under section 4817 of this title, the hearing shall be conducted by the committing court issuing the order under that section. In all other cases, when the committing court orders a hearing under subsection (a) of this section or when, in the discretion of the Commissioner of Mental Health, a hearing should be held prior to the discharge, the hearing shall be held in the Family Division of the Superior Court to determine if the committed person is no longer a person in need of treatment or a patient in need of further treatment as set forth in subsection (a) of this section. Notice of the hearing shall be given to the Commissioner, the State’s Attorney of the county where the prosecution originated, the committed person, and the person’s attorney. Prior to the hearing, the State’s Attorney may enter an appearance in the proceedings and may request examination of the patient by an independent psychiatrist, who may testify at the hearing.

(2)(A) This subdivision (2) shall apply when a person is committed to the care and custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health under this section after having been found not guilty by reason of insanity or incompetent

to stand trial for a listed crime as defined in subdivision 5301(7) of this title other than:

(i) lewd or lascivious conduct as defined in section 2601 of this title;

(ii) recklessly endangering another person as defined in section 1025 of this title;

(iii) operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or other substance with either death or serious bodily injury resulting as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 1210(f) and (g);

(iv) careless or negligent operation resulting in serious bodily injury or death as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 1091(b);

(v) leaving the scene of an accident resulting in serious bodily injury or death as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 1128(b) or (c); or

(vi) a misdemeanor violation of chapter 28 of this title, relating to abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults.

(B) At least 10 days prior to discharging the person from a secure mental health treatment facility or from the care and custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health, the Commissioner shall provide notice of the proposed action to the State's Attorney of the county where the prosecution originated or to the Office of the Attorney General if that office prosecuted the case. The State's Attorney shall provide notice of the proposed action to any victim of the offense who has not opted out of receiving notice.

(C) As used in this subdivision (2), "victim" has the same meaning as in section 5301 of this title.

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Sec. 4. Vermont Rule of Criminal Procedure 16.1 is amended to read:

RULE 16.1. DISCLOSURE TO THE PROSECUTION

(a) The Person of the Defendant.

(1) Notwithstanding the initiation of judicial proceedings, and subject to constitutional limitations, upon motion and notice a judicial officer may require the defendant to:

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(H) provide specimens of his handwriting; ~~and~~

(I) submit to a reasonable physical or medical inspection of his body or, if notice is given by the defendant that sanity is in issue or that expert

testimony will be offered as provided in Rule 12.1, to a reasonable mental examination by a psychiatrist or other expert; and

(J) submit to a reasonable mental examination by a psychiatrist or other expert when a court ordered examiner pursuant to 13 V.S.A. § 4814(a)(2) or (4) reports that a defendant is not competent to stand trial.

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Sec. 5. CORRECTIONS; ASSESSMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

On or before November 1, 2020, the Departments of Corrections and of Mental Health shall jointly submit an inventory and evaluation of the mental health services provided by the entity with whom the Department of Corrections contracts for health care services to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions, on Health Care, and on Judiciary and to the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Judiciary. The evaluation shall include a comparison as to how the type, frequency, and timeliness of mental health services provided in a correctional setting differ from those services available in the community. The evaluation shall further address how the memorandum of understanding executed by the Departments of Corrections and of Mental Health impacts the mental health services provided by the entity with whom the Department of Corrections contracts for health care services.

Sec. 6. FORENSIC CARE WORKING GROUP

(a) On or before August 1, 2020, the Department of Mental Health shall convene a working group of interested stakeholders, including as appropriate, the Department of Corrections, the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Defender General, the Director of Health Care Reform, the Department of Buildings and General Services, a representative appointed by Vermont Care Partners, a representative appointed by Vermont Legal Aid's Mental Health Project, the Mental Health Care Ombudsman established pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 7259, a representative of the designated hospitals appointed by the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Care Systems, a person with lived experience of mental illness, and any other interested party permitted by the Commissioner of Mental Health, to:

(1) Identify any gaps in the current mental health and criminal justice system structure and opportunities to improve public safety and the coordination of treatment for individuals incompetent to stand trial or who are adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity. The working group shall review competency restoration models used in other states and explore models used in

other states that balance the treatment and public safety risks posed by individuals found not guilty by reason of insanity, such as Psychiatric Security Review Boards, including the Connecticut Psychiatric Security Review Board, and guilty but mentally ill verdicts in criminal cases.

(2) Evaluate various models for the establishment of a State-funded forensic treatment facility for individuals found incompetent to stand trial or who are adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity. The evaluation shall address:

(A) the need for a forensic treatment facility in Vermont;

(B) the entity or entities most appropriate to operate a forensic treatment facility;

(C) the feasibility and appropriateness of repurposing an existing facility for the purpose of establishing a forensic treatment facility versus constructing a new facility for this purpose;

(D) the number of beds needed in a forensic treatment facility and the impact that repurposing an existing mental health treatment facility would have on the availability of beds for persons seeking mental health treatment in the community or through the civil commitment system; and

(E) the fiscal impact of constructing or repurposing a forensic treatment facility and estimated annual operational costs considering “institutions of mental disease” waivers available through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services that do not provide federal fiscal participation for forensic mental health patients.

(b) On or before November 1, 2020, the Department of Mental Health shall submit a report containing the findings and recommendations of the working group to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee. The report shall include proposed draft legislation addressing any identified needed changes to statute.

Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

And that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

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.

S. 205.

Senator Baruth, for the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to criminal and civil surcharges.

Reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 7282 is amended to read:

§ 7282. SURCHARGE

(a) In addition to any penalty or fine imposed by the court or Judicial Bureau for a criminal offense or any civil penalty imposed for a traffic violation, including any violation of a fish and wildlife statute or regulation, violation of a motor vehicle statute, or violation of any local ordinance relating to the operation of a motor vehicle, except violations relating to seat belts and child restraints and ordinances relating to parking violations, the clerk of the court or Judicial Bureau shall levy an additional surcharge of:

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(b) The surcharges imposed by this section shall not be waived by the court except as part of an expungement proceeding where the petitioner demonstrates an inability to pay.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

And that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

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.

S. 307.

Senator Pollina, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to binding interest arbitration for employees of the Vermont Judiciary and the Vermont State Colleges.

Reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 1 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1 to read as follows:

Sec. 1. [Deleted.]

After passage, the title of the bill be amended to read:

An act relating to binding interest arbitration for employees of the Vermont Judiciary.

And that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

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.

House Concurrent Resolutions

The following joint concurrent resolutions having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, were severally adopted in concurrence:

By Reps. Fegard and Hango,

By Senators Brock and Parent,

H.C.R. 266.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Highgate School Board member David F. Roddy.

By Rep. Smith,

By Senators Bray and Hardy,

H.C.R. 267.

House concurrent resolution honoring Barbara Wagner of Bridport.

By Rep. Krowinski,

H.C.R. 268.

House concurrent resolution recognizing June 12, 2020 as National Loving Day in Vermont.

By Rep. Rosenquist,

By Senators Brock and Parent,

H.C.R. 269.

House concurrent resolution honoring Eric Nye of Georgia.

By Reps. Webb and others,

By Senators Ashe, Baruth, Ingram, Lyons, Pearson and Sirotkin,

H.C.R. 270.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative, Senator, and Commissioner of Employment and Training Sarah Goodwin (Thompson) Soule of Shelburne.

By Rep. Rosenquist,

By Senators Brock and Parent,

H.C.R. 271.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Rice Memorial High School Green Knights Division II championship girls' soccer team.

By Rep. Smith,

By Senators Bray and Hardy,

H.C.R. 272.

House concurrent resolution honoring Weybridge Selectboard Chair Don Mason for his outstanding municipal public service.

By Rep. Smith,

By Senators Bray and Hardy,

H.C.R. 273.

House concurrent resolution honoring Barbara Torian and Tim Bouton of New Haven for their outstanding civic service.

By Reps. Myers and others,

H.C.R. 274.

House concurrent resolution recognizing July 2020 as Parks and Recreation Month in Vermont and designating July 17, 2020 as Vermont Park and Recreation Professionals' Day.

By Rep. McCarthy,

H.C.R. 275.

House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, March 11, 2020 as the 26th Early Childhood Day at the State House.

By Rep. Rosenquist,

By Senators Brock and Parent,

H.C.R. 276.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Peter Saltonstall Mallett of Georgia.

By Reps. Demrow and others,

By Senators Benning and MacDonald,

H.C.R. 277.

House concurrent resolution honoring the distinguished military career of former Vermont Adjutant General Herbert Thomas Johnson of Bradford.

By Reps. Gregoire and others,

H.C.R. 278.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative Richard James Howrigan of Fairfield.

By Reps. Murphy and others,

By Senators Brock and Parent,

H.C.R. 279.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ian Carpenter of Fairfax on being named the 2019 Special Olympics Vermont Unified Athlete of the Year.

By Reps. Morrissey and others,

By Senators Champion and Sears,

H.C.R. 280.

House concurrent resolution honoring Frank Snow of Bennington.

By Reps. Leffler and others,

By Senators Brock and Parent,

H.C.R. 281.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Elinor Purrier of Montgomery on her record-setting pace at the 2020 Wanamaker Mile in New York City.

By Reps. Killacky and others,

By Senators Collamore, Hooker and McNeil,

H.C.R. 282.

House concurrent resolution remembering former Rutland City Board of Aldermen President David Sagi on Disability Awareness Day.

By Reps. Beck and others,

By Senators Benning and Kitchel,

H.C.R. 283.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Weidmann Electrical Technology Inc. on the 50th anniversary of its St. Johnsbury plant.

By Rep. O'Brien,

H.C.R. 284.

House concurrent resolution honoring Euclid Farnham for his extraordinary legacy in the Town of Tunbridge.

By Rep. Ancel,

H.C.R. 285.

House concurrent resolution honoring John McCullough and Donna Fitch for their leadership in the renovation of the Calais Town Hall.

By Reps. Noyes and others,

By Senators Rodgers and Starr,

H.C.R. 286.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative Linda J. Martin for her service as Wolcott Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Message from the House No. 26

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. 254. An act relating to adequate shelter for livestock.

H. 555. An act relating to rulemaking on food concessions, lotteries, raffles, or games of chance on lands and buildings within the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings and General Services.

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

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Message from the Secretary of the Senate

Pursuant to Chapter II, § 11 of the Vermont Constitution, the Senate, by a vote of 24 Yeas, 6 Nays, and the House of Representatives, by a vote of 100 Yeas, 49 Nays, voted to override the veto of the Governor to a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

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

Accordingly, the bill was delivered on February 28, 2020, to the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of Title 3, chapter 5 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Mazza, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 31.