

Journal of the Senate

Friday, May 1, 2020

Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Senate Rules, in the absence of the President and the President *pro tempore*, the time for convening of the Senate having been set at 9:30 A.M., the Senate was called to order by John H. Bloomer, Jr., Secretary of the Senate.

Recess

At 9:45 A.M. in the forenoon and no quorum of the Senate having assembled, pursuant to Rule 9 of the Senate Rules, the Senate recessed until ten o'clock, and thirty minutes in the forenoon.

Called to Order

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend and Senator Deborah J. Ingram of Chittenden District.

Message from the House No. 40

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 considered a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 182. An act relating to government operations regarding emergency medical services and public safety in response to COVID-19.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Governor has informed the House that on April 29, 2020, he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 550. An act relating to unclaimed property.

H. 741. An act relating to criminal record checks on contractors working in State-owned or -leased facilities.

Rules Suspended; Temporary Rule 10A(h)

On motion of Senator Ashe, Senate Temporary Rule 10A(h) was suspended, on a roll call, Yeas 27, Nays 0.

Roll Call

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

Those Senators who voted in the negative were: None.

Those Senators absent and not voting were: Benning, Starr, White.

Rules Suspended; Third Reading Ordered, Rules Suspended; Bill Passed; Bill Messaged**S. 346.**

Appearing on the Calendar for notice, on motion of Senator Ashe, the rules were suspended and Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to creating the COVID-19 Essential Employees Hazard Grant Program.

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered on a roll call, Yeas 28, Nays 0.

Senator Sears having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

Roll Call

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

Those Senators who voted in the negative were: None.

Those Senators absent and not voting were: Benning, White.

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Ashe, the rules were suspended and the bill was placed on all remaining stages of its passage forthwith.

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

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Ashe, the rules were suspended and the bill was ordered messaged to the House forthwith.

Message from the House No. 41

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 considered a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 333. An act relating to establishing a moratorium on ejection and foreclosure actions during the COVID-19 emergency.

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 a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 344. An act relating to temporary municipal tax rate provisions in response to COVID-19.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until eleven o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon on Monday, May 4, 2020.