

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Roll Call

The roll of the Senate was thereupon called by the Secretary, John H. Bloomer, Jr., and it appeared that the following Senators were present.

Addison District	Senator Christopher A. Bray Senator Ruth Ellen Hardy
Caledonia District	Senator Joseph C. Benning Senator M. Jane Kitchel
Chittenden District	Senator Timothy R. Ashe Senator Philip E. Baruth Senator Deborah J. Ingram Senator Virginia V. Lyons Senator Christopher A. Pearson Senator Michael D. Sirotkin
Essex-Orleans District	Senator Robert A. Starr
Franklin District	Senator Randolph D. Brock Senator Corey J. Parent
Grand Isle District	Senator Richard T. Mazza
Lamoille District	Senator Richard A. Westman
Orange District	Senator Mark A. MacDonald
Rutland District	Senator Brian P. Collamore Senator Cheryl Mazzariello Hooker Senator James L. McNeil
Washington District	Senator Ann E. Cummings Senator Andrew J. Perchlik Senator Anthony Pollina

Windham District

Senator Rebecca A. Balint
Senator Jeanette K. White

Windsor District

Senator Alison Clarkson
Senator Richard J. McCormack
Senator Alice W. Nitka

Committee Bill Introduced

Senate committee bill of the following title was introduced, read the first time, and, under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice tomorrow:

S. 348.

By the Committee on Government Operations,

An act relating to temporary elections procedures in the year 2020.

Bills Referred

House bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred:

H. 955.

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment.

To the Committee on Institutions.

H. 958.

An act relating to communications union districts.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Bills Passed

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

S. 166. An act relating to dissolution of the State Board of Education.

S. 233. An act relating to uniform licensing standards.

Bill Passed in Concurrence

H. 793.

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

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

Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment**H. 948.**

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

An act relating to temporary municipal proceedings provisions in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Third Reading Ordered**J.R.S. 54.**

Joint Senate resolution entitled:

Joint resolution relating to the annual State lands transactions.

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

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

Proposals of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered**H. 788.**

Senator Bray, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to technical corrections for the 2020 legislative session.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 272, 26 V.S.A. § 373(a), in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 272. [Deleted.]

Second: By striking out Sec. 275, 26 V.S.A. § 1400(f), in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 275. [Deleted.]

Third: By striking out Sec. 277, 26 V.S.A. § 1734b(a), in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 277. [Deleted.]

And that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with such proposals of amendment.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and the proposals of amendment were collectively agreed to.

Thereupon, pending the question, Shall the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Government Operations?, Senator Bray moved to amend the proposal of amendment of the Committee on Government Operations, in Sec. 304, effective dates, preceding “(amending 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 131, Sec. 135, as amended)” by striking out the following: “Sec. 300” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: Sec. 299

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the proposal of amendment of the Committee on Government Operations, as amended was agreed to and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Rules Suspended; Bills Messaged

On motion of Senator Ashe, the rules were suspended, and the following bills were severally ordered messaged to the House forthwith:

S. 166, S. 233, H. 793, H. 948.

Adjournment

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