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

Bennington District  Senator Brian A. Campion
                    Senator Richard W. Sears, Jr.

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 Randoph 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
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. 351.

By the Committee on Agriculture,

An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Third Reading Ordered

H. 608.

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

An act relating to incompatible local offices.

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.

Proposal of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered

H. 558.

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

An act relating to exempting the Victims Compensation Board from the Open Meeting Law.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 5358a is amended to read:

§ 5358a. APPLICATION INFORMATION; CONFIDENTIALITY

(d) Meetings of the Victims Compensation Board relating to victims compensation or offender restitution shall not be subject to the Vermont Open Meeting Law, 1 V.S.A. chapter 5, subchapter 2. Annually, the Board shall hold an open meeting to present information and data concerning the victims compensation and offender restitution programs, including aggregate information on cases, pecuniary loss, expense reimbursement, restitution orders, profits from crimes, and nonidentifying information on the amounts of compensation awarded to victims.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

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

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

Adjournment

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