

# Journal of the House

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

At ten o'clock in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Burrows of West Windsor.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker Krowinski led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Message from the Senate No. 11

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Bloomer, its Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part passed Senate bill of the following title:

**S. 36.** An act relating to modifications to the use of certain Coronavirus Relief Fund appropriations.

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

The Senate has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill of the following title:

**S. 9.** An act relating to extending certain workers' compensation amendments related to COVID-19.

And has concurred therein.

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolution originating in the House of the following title:

**H.C.R. 7.** House concurrent resolution designating January 27, 2021 as Homelessness Awareness Day in Vermont.

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## Message from the Senate No. 12

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part passed Senate bill of the following title:

**S. 14.** An act relating to deed restrictions and housing density.

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

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

**J.R.S. 11.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

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### **Rules Suspended; House Bills Introduced**

Pending first reading of the bills, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred as follows:

#### **H. 115**

By Reps. Stebbins of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Squirrell of Underhill, Townsend of South Burlington, Walz of Barre City, White of Hartford, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to household products containing hazardous substances;

To the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife.

#### **H. 116**

By Reps. Durfee of Shaftsbury, Cina of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Arrison of Weathersfield, Birong of Vergennes, Coffey of Guilford, Cordes of Lincoln, Donnally of Hyde Park, Killacky of South Burlington, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Masland of Thetford, Mrowicki of Putney, Pugh of South Burlington, Stebbins of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, White of Hartford, and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting the involuntary sterilization of individuals with an intellectual disability;

To the Committee on Human Services.

#### **H. 117**

By Reps. Beck of St. Johnsbury, Anthony of Barre City, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Mattos of Milton, Page of Newport City, Shaw of Pittsford, and

Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding workers' compensation coverage for firefighters with cancer;

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 118**

By Rep. Sullivan of Dorset,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to enhanced mental health supports and services for professionals in the medical, legal, and accounting fields;

To the Committee on Health Care.

**H. 119**

By Reps. Beck of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, McCoy of Poultney, and Page of Newport City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a new State Employees' Retirement System and State Teachers' Retirement System;

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**H. 120**

By Reps. Sheldon of Middlebury, McCullough of Williston, and Dolan of Waitsfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to updates to Act 250;

To the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife.

**H. 121**

By Reps. Rogers of Waterville, Elder of Starksboro, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to licensure of freestanding birth centers;

To the Committee on Health Care.

**H. 122**

By Reps. Gannon of Wilmington and LaClair of Barre Town,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to boards and commissions;  
To the Committee on Government Operations.

**H. 123**

By Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to a vehicle miles traveled tax for plug-in electric vehicles;  
To the Committee on Transportation.

**H. 124**

By Reps. Ancel of Calais, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Anthony of Barre City, Bluemle of Burlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Cordes of Lincoln, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Masland of Thetford, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Squirrell of Underhill, Stebbins of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Surprenant of Barnard, Townsend of South Burlington, and White of Bethel,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to amending the Vermont Employment Growth Incentive Program;  
To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 125**

By Rep. Yantachka of Charlotte,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to motor vehicle lease buyouts and registration fee refunds;  
To the Committee on Transportation.

**H. 126**

By Reps. Dolan of Waitsfield, Anthony of Barre City, Arrison of Weathersfield, Bongartz of Manchester, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Coffey of Guilford, Elder of Starksboro, Grad of Moretown, Houghton of Essex, James of Manchester, Mrowicki of Putney, Ode of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to pedestrian safety;

To the Committee on Transportation.

**H. 127**

By Reps. LaClair of Barre Town and McFaun of Barre Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Barre;

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**H. 128**

By Reps. Cordes of Lincoln, Small of Winooski, Austin of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Briglin of Thetford, Burrows of West Windsor, Chase of Colchester, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Donnally of Hyde Park, James of Manchester, Killacky of South Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, Masland of Thetford, Morris of Springfield, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Stebbins of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Vyhovsky of Essex, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to limiting criminal defenses based on victim identity;

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 129**

By Reps. Marcotte of Coventry, Jerome of Brandon, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Martin of Franklin, Nicoll of Ludlow, Seymour of Sutton, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to project-based tax increment financing districts;

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 130**

By Reps. Burrows of West Windsor, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Patt of Worcester, Arrison of Weathersfield, Masland of Thetford, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing standards for how a religious school can demonstrate that it is not using public tuition for religious instruction;

To the Committee on Education.

### H. 131

By Reps. Jerome of Brandon, Austin of Colchester, Coffey of Guilford, James of Manchester, and Shaw of Pittsford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting transfers of property between siblings or sibling's spouse from the Property Transfer Tax;

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

### H. 132

By Reps. Grad of Moretown, Pugh of South Burlington, and Colburn of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to possession of firearms by persons subject to final relief from abuse orders;

To the Committee on Judiciary.

### H. 133

By Reps. Grad of Moretown, Pugh of South Burlington, and Colburn of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to emergency relief from abuse orders and relinquishment of firearms;

To the Committee on Judiciary.

### H. 134

By Reps. Scheu of Middlebury, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Anthony of Barre City, Arrison of Weathersfield, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Birong of Vergennes, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brady of Williston, Briglin of Thetford, Brown of Richmond, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Chase of Colchester, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Conlon of Cornwall, Copeland Hanzas of Bradford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dolan of Essex, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donnally of Hyde Park, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of

Starksboro, Emmons of Springfield, Grad of Moretown, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, Jessup of Middlesex, Killacky of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Redmond of Essex, Satcowitz of Randolph, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Squirrel of Underhill, Stebbins of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Surprenant of Barnard, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Vyhovsky of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, White of Bethel, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to paid family and medical leave insurance;

To the Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

**H. 135**

By Rep. Gannon of Wilmington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the State Ethics Commission;

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**H. 136**

By Rep. Brennan of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Abenaki trapping licenses;

To the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife.

**H. 137**

By Reps. Taylor of Colchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Conlon of Cornwall, Donnally of Hyde Park, Houghton of Essex, Ode of Burlington, and Sullivan of Dorset,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a women's transitional housing facility;

To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

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**Committee Bill Introduced****H. 138**

By the Committee on Appropriations,

An act relating to fiscal year 2021 budget adjustments;

Was read and pursuant to House rule 48, bill placed on the Calendar for Notice.

**Senate Bills Referred**

Senate bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the first time, and referred as follows:

**S. 14**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to deed restrictions and housing density;

To the Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

**S. 36**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to modifications to the use of certain Coronavirus Relief Fund appropriations;

To the Committee on Appropriations.

**Adjournment**

At ten o'clock and seventeen minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock and fifteen minutes in the afternoon.