

Journal of the House

Friday, January 29, 2021

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Anthony of Barre City.

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee as follows:

H. 153

By Reps. Noyes of Wolcott and Wood of Waterbury,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to Medicaid reimbursement rates for home- and community-based service providers;

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 154

By Rep. Gannon of Wilmington,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to the failure of municipal officers to accept office;

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 155

By Reps. Till of Jericho, Anthony of Barre City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Grad of Moretown, Hango of Berkshire, Hooper of Burlington, Martin of Franklin, McCullough of Williston, Morgan, L. of Milton, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Stebbins of Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to motor vehicle manufacturers and motor vehicle warranty or service facilities;

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 156

By Reps. Masland of Thetford and Briglin of Thetford,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to making all of Route 132 a State highway;
To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 157

By Reps. Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Brumsted of Shelburne, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Stebbins of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, White of Hartford, and Yantachka of Charlotte,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to registration of construction contractors;
To the Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

H. 158

By Reps. Sims of Craftsbury, Smith of Derby, and Strong of Albany,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to the sale of State-owned railroad property for a compelling economic or historic preservation need;
To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 159

By Reps. Coffey of Guilford, Burke of Brattleboro, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Killacky of South Burlington, Kimbell of Woodstock, Lefebvre of Newark, and White of Bethel,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to creating the Better Places Program;
To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 160

By Reps. Townsend of South Burlington and Briglin of Thetford,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to protecting consumer data privacy;

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 161

By Rep. Sullivan of Dorset,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to rent stabilization and economic mobility;

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

H. 162

By Rep. Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to protecting student loan borrowers from deceptive and misleading practices by student loan lenders and servicers;

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 163

By Reps. Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Colburn of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Surprenant of Barnard, Vyhovsky of Essex, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to enhancing equitable learning and workplace environments in public schools;

To the Committee on Education.

H. 164

By Reps. Peterson of Clarendon, Achey of Middletown Springs, Fagan of Rutland City, Page of Newport City, Savage of Swanton, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring a town to affirmatively vote to allow any licensed cannabis establishment to operate within the town;

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 165

By Reps. Smith of Derby, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Morgan, L. of Milton, Page of Newport City, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring active community notification upon release of sex offender who committed an offense against a minor;

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Amendment Offered Prior to Third Reading; Amendment Withdrawn

H. 138

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fiscal year 2021 budget adjustments

Pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. LaClair of Barre Town** moved to amend the bill by adding a new section to read as follows:

Sec. 48a. FISCAL YEAR 2021 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

APPROPRIATIONS

In fiscal year 2021, the sum of \$10,000,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to establish a program to assist businesses and organizations that have ongoing, unmet needs due to the COVID-19 public health emergency but are ineligible for, or have otherwise been closed out of, the Paycheck Protection Program or other SBA grant programs as established in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021.

Thereupon, **Rep. LaClair of Barre Town** asked and was granted leave of the House to withdraw his amendment.

Amendment Offered Prior to Third Reading; Bill Amended

H. 138

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fiscal year 2021 budget adjustments

Pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Hooper of Montpelier** moved to amend the bill in Sec. 51a, Department for Children and Families; Housing For Justice-Involved Juveniles, by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(b) For the project described in subsection (a) of this section, the State shall secure a warranty bond on the entire cost of the project.

which was agreed to.

**Amendment Offered Prior to Third Reading; Amendment Withdrawn;
Third Reading; Bill Passed**

H. 138

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fiscal year 2021 budget adjustments

Pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. McCoy of Poultney and Rep. Sullivan of Dorset** moved to amend the bill by inserting a new Sec. 48a to read as follows:

Sec. 48a. ECONOMIC RECOVERY GRANTS; APPROPRIATION

In fiscal year 2021, the amount of \$10,000,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to provide economic recovery grants pursuant to 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.1102.

Thereupon, **Rep. McCoy of Poultney** asked and was granted leave of the House to withdraw the amendment.

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

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and seven minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 11.

Concurrent Resolutions Adopted

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted on the part of the House:

H.C.R. 8

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Proctor High School Phantoms girls' soccer team on winning a second consecutive Division IV championship;

H.C.R. 9

House concurrent resolution recognizing the unwavering dedication of Vermont's health care workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic;

H.C.R. 10

House concurrent resolution recognizing the important health care

contribution of nurse anesthetists in Vermont;

H.C.R. 11

House concurrent resolution honoring the Thomas Dairy for 99 years of agricultural and entrepreneurial excellence;

H.C.R. 12

House concurrent resolution recognizing the important work of MENTOR Vermont and designating January 21, 2021 as Mentoring Day in Vermont;

H.C.R. 13

House concurrent resolution honoring former Brattleboro Police Chief Michael Fitzgerald;

H.C.R. 14

House concurrent resolution in memory of historic preservation architect Martin S. Tierney of Burlington.

[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2021, seventy-sixth Biennial session.]