

Journal of the House

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Bluemle of Burlington.

Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker Krowinski led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Message from the Senate No. 21

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. 18. An act relating to limiting earned good time sentence reductions for offenders convicted of certain crimes.

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

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

H. 138. An act relating to fiscal year 2021 budget adjustments.

And has concurred therein.

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

H.C.R. 18. House concurrent resolution in memory of Cynthia M. (Peterson) Eastman.

H.C.R. 19. House concurrent resolution congratulating Megan Nick of Shelburne on her victories in the 2021 FIS Freestyle World Cup competition.

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 to committee as follows:

H. 300

By Rep. Noyes of Wolcott,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to stormwater management by wood processing facilities;

To the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 301

By Reps. Williams of Granby, Batchelor of Derby, Mrowicki of Putney, Page of Newport City, Townsend of South Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to limiting the transport of catalytic converters;

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 302

By Reps. Grad of Moretown, Canfield of Fair Haven, Dolan of Waitsfield, Stevens of Waterbury, and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to criminal threatening in schools;

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 303

By Rep. Noyes of Wolcott,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the membership of the Vermont Municipal Employees' System;

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 304

By Rep. Mrowicki of Putney,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating the crime of extortion by introducing ransomware;

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 305

By Rep. Anthony of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of a new group membership in the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System;

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 306

By Reps. Sims of Craftsbury, Bluemle of Burlington, Stebbins of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Cordes of Lincoln, James of Manchester, Masland of Thetford, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Ode of Burlington, Vyhovsky of Essex, and Walz of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to developing a State Planning Office;

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

H. 307

By Rep. LaClair of Barre Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to front number plates and tinted windows on motor vehicles;

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 308

By Reps. Troiano of Stannard, Anthony of Barre City, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to authorizing card check elections;

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

H. 309

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Donnally of Hyde Park, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Small of Winooski, Stevens of Waterbury, Surprenant of Barnard, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Vyhovsky of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to decriminalizing certain chemical compounds found in plants and fungi that are commonly used for medicinal, spiritual, religious, or entheogenic purposes;

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 310

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Donnally of Hyde Park, Surprenant of Barnard, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Vyhovsky of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the regulation of kratom products;

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 311

By Reps. Stebbins of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Cordes of Lincoln, James of Manchester, Masland of Thetford, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Squirrel of Underhill, Till of Jericho, Troiano of Stannard, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to assessing long-term climate change challenges and opportunities in the State's economic and revenue forecasts;

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

H. 312

By Rep. Bartholomew of Hartland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to excessive motor vehicle noise;

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 313

By Reps. Birong of Vergennes, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Dolan of Waitsfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Jerome of Brandon, Killacky of South Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe, Troiano of Stannard, and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to alcoholic beverage laws;
To the Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

H. 314

By Rep. Birong of Vergennes,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to reducing first- and third-class license fees for the year
2021;

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

Committee Bill Introduced

H. 315

By the Appropriations
House bill, entitled

An act relating to COVID-19 relief;

Pending appearance on the Calendar for Notice, affecting the revenue of the
State, under Rule 35(a), was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 18

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to limiting earned good time sentence reductions for
offenders convicted of certain crimes;

Was read and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

H. 289

House bill, entitled

An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of
Professional Regulation;

Appearing on the Calendar, carrying an appropriation, under Rule 35(a),
was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 89

House bill, entitled

An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence

S. 14

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to deed restrictions and housing density

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed in concurrence.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and nineteen 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.