

Journal of the House

Thursday, February 25, 2021

At one o'clock and fifteen minutes in the afternoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Redmond of Essex.

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. 339

By Reps. Morrissey of Bennington, Achey of Middletown Springs, Austin of Colchester, Batchelor of Derby, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Goslant of Northfield, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, LaClair of Barre Town, Lefebvre of Orange, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Mattos of Milton, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Nigro of Bennington, Norris of Sheldon, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Palasik of Milton, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Sibia of Dover, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Stebbins of Burlington, Strong of Albany, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Toof of St. Albans Town, Troiano of Stannard, and Whitman of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating the Vermont Silver Rose Veterans' Service Certificate;

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

H. 340

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

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Child Protection Registry;

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 341

By Reps. Nicoll of Ludlow, Martin of Franklin, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Leffler of Enosburgh, Pajala of Londonderry, Parsons of Newbury, Vyhovsky of Essex, and White of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to drink specials;

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

H. 342

By Rep. Canfield of Fair Haven,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reduced first- and third-class license fees for clubs in 2021;

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

H. 343

By Reps. Yantachka of Charlotte and Brumsted of Shelburne,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to municipal regulation of firearms discharge;

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 344

By Reps. Ode of Burlington, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Mrowicki of Putney, and Walz of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to providing dedicated earned sick time;

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

H. 345

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Anthony of Barre City, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Till of Jericho, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the New PEV Incentive Program;
To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 346

By Rep. Hooper of Montpelier,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to the creation of new positions in State government;
To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 347

By Rep. Christie of Hartford,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to establishing uniform standards for tiny houses;
To the Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

H. 348

By Rep. Stevens of Waterbury,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to a property tax exemption for prekindergarten and child care providers;
To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 349

By Reps. Colburn of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Noyes of Wolcott, Satcowitz of Randolph, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Vyhovsky of Essex, Walz of Barre City, and White of Hartford,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to imposing a property transfer tax surcharge on high-value residential properties;
To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 350

By Rep. Sibilica of Dover,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to penalties for Lifeline service interruptions;
To the Committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 351

By Reps. Kornheiser of Brattleboro and Scheu of Middlebury,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to making various amendments to the Parental and Family
Leave Act;

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

H. 352

By Reps. Sibilias of Dover, Nicoll of Ludlow, and Vyhovsky of Essex,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to allowing ranked choice voting in municipal elections;
To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 353

By Rep. Cordes of Lincoln,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to pharmacy benefit management;
To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 354

By Reps. Ode of Burlington, Birong of Vergennes, and James of
Manchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the sale, tasting, and distribution of vinous beverages;
To the Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

H. 355

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Martel of Waterford, Morrissey of
Bennington, and Page of Newport City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to accountable care organization benchmarks and
recertification;

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 356

By Rep. Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous workers' compensation amendments;

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means**H. 88**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to certification of agricultural use for purposes of the use value appraisal program;

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

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations**H. 337**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the printing and distribution of State publications;

Appearing on the Calendar for Notice, and pursuant to Rule 35(a), carrying an appropriation, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Third Reading; Bill Passed**H. 135**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the State Ethics Commission

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

Favorable Report; Second Reading;**Third Reading Ordered****H. 199**

Rep. Leffler of Enosburgh, for the Committee on Judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to validating legal instruments used in connection with the conveyance of real estate

Reported in favor of its passage. The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

Recess

At one o'clock and forty-six minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

At two o'clock and ten minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Committee Bill; Second Reading; Favorable Reports; Bill Amended;

Third Reading Ordered

H. 315

Rep. Hooper of Montpelier spoke for the Committee on Appropriations House bill, entitled

An act relating to COVID-19 relief

Rep. Ancel of Calais, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommended that the bill ought to pass.

The bill having appeared on the Calendar one day for Notice, was taken up, and read the second time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? **Reps. Hooper of Montpelier, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Harrison of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Jessup of Middlesex, Scheu of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, and Yacovone of Morristown** moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 14, pension and other postemployment benefits; Vermont State Employees' Retirement System; Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System; reservation of funds; long-term plan, in subsection (a), by striking out "support" and inserting in lieu thereof "be part of" and in subsection (b), in the second sentence, by striking out "plan development" and inserting in lieu thereof "long-term funding initiative"

Which was agreed to. Thereupon, third reading was ordered.

Message from the Senate No. 22

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 bills of the following titles:

S. 86. An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to vehicles and vessels.

S. 87. An act relating to emergency provisions for the operation of government.

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

Adjournment

At two o'clock and fifty-one minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.