

Journal of the House

Friday, February 26, 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. Vyhovsky 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 by number and referred to committee as follows:

H. 357

By Rep. Morrissey of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to deemed licensure of out-of-state health care professionals;

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 358

By Rep. Gannon of Wilmington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to temporary State employees;

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 359

By Rep. Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding access to unemployment insurance benefits;

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 361

By Reps. Burke of Brattleboro, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro,

House bill, entitled

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

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 362

By Reps. Colburn of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Cina of Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, and Vyhovsky of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to adding members to the University of Vermont Board of Trustees;

To the Committee on Education.

H. 363

By Rep. Howard of Rutland City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to campaign expenditures and candidate salaries;

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 364

By Reps. Vyhovsky of Essex, Anthony of Barre City, Christie of Hartford, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, and Patt of Worcester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to privatization contracts;

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 365

By Rep. Howard of Rutland City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exemptions from the minimum wage;

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

H. 366

By Rep. Copeland Hanzas of Bradford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to 2021 technical corrections;
To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 367

By Rep. Yantachka of Charlotte,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to the management of perpetual care funds by cemetery associations;

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 368

By Rep. Rogers of Waterville,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to hospital and accountable care organization salary information;

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 369

By Rep. Rachelson of Burlington,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to standards for the care of domestic pets;

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee Bill Introduced; Referred to Ways and Means

H. 360

By the Committee on Energy and Technology

House bill, entitled

An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment

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 Bills Referred

Senate bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the first time by number only in accord with prior motion, and referred as follows:

S. 86

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to vehicles and vessels;

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 87

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to emergency provisions for the operation of government;

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 199

House bill, entitled

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

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

Committee Bill; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 338

Rep. Higley of Lowell spoke for the Committee on Government Operations.

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reapportionment proposal deadlines

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for Notice and appearing on the Calendar for Action, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

Recess

At nine o'clock and fifty-four minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker declared a recess until nine o'clock and fifty-six minutes in the forenoon.

At nine o'clock and fifty-seven minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

**Rules Suspended; Third Reading; Bill Passed;
Rules Suspended; Bill Messaged to Senate Forthwith**

H. 338

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reapportionment proposal deadlines

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bill placed in all remaining stages of passage. Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed.

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bill was ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith.

**Amendment Offered; Read Third Time; Bill Passed; Rules Suspended;
Bill Messaged to Senate Forthwith**

H. 315

House bill, entitled

An act relating to COVID-19 relief

Was taken up, and pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Colburn of Burlington** moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 1, gap economic recovery grants; fiscal year 2021 one-time appropriation, as follows:

First: By adding a new subsection (g) to read:

(g) Methodology for determining economic loss.

(1) Not later than 10 days after the effective date of this section, the Agency shall develop criteria and a methodology for determining a business's economic loss.

(2) The Agency shall submit its proposed methodology to the Joint Fiscal Committee for approval prior to awarding grants pursuant to this section.

(3) If the Joint Fiscal Committee approves the methodology or does not take action within five days of receiving the Agency's proposal, the Agency shall continue implementation of the program as if the Committee had approved.

(4) If the Joint Fiscal Committee disapproves, the Agency shall amend its proposal consistent with any guidance from the Committee and shall re-submit one or more subsequent proposals until the Committee approves.

(5) The Joint Fiscal Committee may transfer not more than \$10,000.00 from the legislative budget to cover the costs of a consultant as necessary to review the Agency's proposed methodology.

Second: By adding a new subsection (h) to read:

(h) Auditing; compliance; recapture. The Agency shall include in all grant awards standard audit provisions, substantially similar to the audit provisions

included pursuant to administrative bulletins 3.5 and 5.0, that provide that records pertaining to grant awards shall be retained and remain subject to audit and inspection for a period of time specified by the Agency.

Third: By adding a new subsection (i) to read:

(i) Recapture. The Agency shall include in all grant awards standard recapture provisions, which shall include that a grant award may be subject to recapture if a recipient is found to be ineligible for the award or to have used an award for an ineligible purpose, consistent with the guidelines the Agency adopts pursuant to subsection (e) of this section.

Which was disagreed to. Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed.

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bill was ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith.

Recess

At ten and fifty-four minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

At ten and fifty-five minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Adjournment

At eleven and two minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 6.

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. 20

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2020 class of Boy Scouts who have achieved the rank of Eagle;

H.C.R. 21

House concurrent resolution honoring the Georgia Elementary and Middle School for its effective active shooter response training;

H.C.R. 22

House concurrent resolution congratulating Elinor Purrier of Berkshire on

her record U.S. indoor two-mile run at the 2021 New Balance Indoor Grand Prix and on her recent marriage to Jamie St. Pierre;

[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.]