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.

Committee Bill Introduced
H. 428

By the Committee on Judiciary,
An act relating to hate-motivated crimes and misconduct
Was read, and pursuant to Rule 48, placed on the Calendar for Notice.

House Bill Introduced
H. 429

By Reps. Gannon of Wilmington and Ode of Burlington,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to establishing an advisory group to address bias in State-used software
To the Committee on Energy and Technology.

Ceremonial Reading
H.C.R. 20

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

Offered by: Fagan of Rutland City, Achey of Middletown Springs, Anthony of Barre City, Arrison of Weathersfield, Austin of Colchester, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Black of Essex, Bongartz of Manchester, Brady of Williston, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chase of Colchester, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Conlon of Cornwall, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dolan of Essex, Donahue of Northfield, Donnally of Hyde Park, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Goldman of

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, February 26, 2021 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

**Committee Relieved of Consideration and Bill Committed to Other Committee**

**H. 306**

**Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury** moved that the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to developing a State Planning Office

And that the bill be committed to the Committee on Government Operations, which was agreed to.

**Third Reading; Bill Passed**

**H. 133**

House bill, entitled

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

Was taken up and read the third time.
Pending the question, Shall the bill pass? Rep. Morrissey of Bennington demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 102. Nays, 44.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais  Gannon of Wilmington  Partridge of Windham
Anthony of Barre City  Goldman of Rockingham  Patt of Worcester
Arrison of Weathersfield  Grad of Moretown  Pearl of Danville
Austin of Colchester  Hooper of Montpelier  Pugh of South Burlington
Bartholomew of Hartland  Hooper of Burlington  Rachelson of Burlington
Beck of St. Johnsbury  Houghton of Essex  Redmond of Essex
Biron of Vergennes  Howard of Rutland City  Rogers of Waterville
Black of Essex  James of Manchester  Satcowitz of Randolph
Bluemle of Burlington  Jerome of Brandon  Scheu of Middlebury
Bock of Chester  Jessup of Middlesex  Scheuermann of Stowe
Bongartz of Manchester  Killacky of South Burlington  Sheldon of Middlebury
Bos-Lun of Westminster  Kimbell of Woodstock  Sibilia of Dover
Brady of Williston  Kitzmiller of Montpelier  Sims of Craftsbury
Briglin of Thetford  Kornheiser of Brattleboro  Small of Winooski
Brown of Richmond  LaLonde of South  Squirrel of Underhill
Brumsted of Shelburne  Burlington  Stebbins of Burlington
Burke of Brattleboro  Lanpher of Vergennes  Stevens of Waterbury
Burrows of West Windsor  Lefebvre of Newark  Sullivan of Dorset
Campbell of St. Johnsbury  Lippert of Hinesburg  Surprent of Barnard
Chase of Colchester  Long of Newfane  Taylor of Colchester
Cina of Burlington  Masland of Thetford  Till of Jericho
Coffey of Guilford  McCarthy of St. Albans City
Colburn of Burlington  McCormack of Burlington  Burlington
Colston of Winooski  McCullough of Williston  Troiano of Stannard
Conlon of Cornwall  Morris of Springfield  Vyhovsky of Essex *
Copeland Hanzas of Bradford  Mrowicki of Putney  Walz of Barre City
Cordes of Lincoln  Mulvaney-Stan of Burlington  Webb of Shelburne
Dolan of Essex  Burlington  White of Bethel
Dolan of Waitsfield  Nicoll of Ludlow  Whitman of Bennington
Donahue of Northfield  Nigro of Bennington  Williams of Granby
Donnally of Hyde Park  Noyes of Wolcott  Wood of Waterbury
Durfee of Shaftsbury  O'Brien of Tunbridge  Yacovone of Morristown
Elder of Starksboro  Ode of Burlington
Emmons of Springfield  Pajala of Londonderry

Those who voted in the negative are:

Achey of Middletown  Harrison of Chittenden  Norris of Shoreham
Springs  Helm of Fair Haven  Page of Newport City
Batchelor of Derby  Higley of Lowell  Palasik of Milton
Brennan of Colchester  LaClair of Barre Town  Parsons of Newbury
Brownell of Pownal  Lefebvre of Orange  Peterson of Clarendon
Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

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Rep. Austin of Colchester explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

In August 2006 I was at the Essex Middle School preparing for the opening day of school the next day. An announcement came over the intercom that the District was in lockdown - this was not a drill.

Later I learned that my friend and colleague Alicia Shanks was randomly shot and killed by a jilted lover in search of his girlfriend at the Essex Elementary School.

Perhaps if this relief from abuse order had been in effect back then Alicia would be alive today.”

Rep. Vyhovsky of Essex explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

As a gun owner myself and a person who grew up in a family of hunters, I respect the tradition of gun ownership and sportsmanship in Vermont. I am struck today by the one-sided argument that we must protect the right to wield a weapon at all costs with no regard given to the constitutional right to life.

This is a relief from abuse bill that not only does not fundamentally change what is already allowable and common practice, it is also temporary and thus not an issue of rights but a temporary inconvenience to protect the constitutional right to life. I believe based on the statistics that it will save the lives of those who have been abused and terrorized and therefore I vote yes.”
Third Reading; Bills Passed

House bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time, and passed:

H. 420

House bill, entitled
An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

H. 421

House bill, entitled
An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 87

House bill, entitled
An act relating to establishing a classification system for criminal offenses

Was taken up and pending the reading of the report of the Committee on Judiciary, on motion of Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington, action on the bill was postponed until March 17, 2021.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 18

Joint resolution, entitled
Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly to vote on the retention of two Superior Judges and three Magistrates

Was taken up and adopted in concurrence.

Adjournment

At ten o’clock and seven minutes in the forenoon, on motion of Rep. McCoy of Poultney, the House adjourned until Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at ten o’clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 17.

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. 23

House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative Edward H. Paquin Jr. for his exemplary leadership as a disability rights advocate

H.C.R. 24

House concurrent resolution designating March 2021 as Vermont Habitat for Humanity Month

H.C.R. 25

House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of early childhood care services in Vermont

H.C.R. 26

House concurrent resolution in memory of John Pandiani of Bristol

S.C.R. 1

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Burlington Alderwoman Janet Stackpole

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