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

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was held in lieu of a devotional.

House Bill Introduced

H. 442

By Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to making miscellaneous changes to the Vermont State Employees’ Retirement System and the Teachers’ Retirement System

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senate Bills Referred

Senate bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the first time, and referred as follows:

S. 79

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to improving rental housing health and safety

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

S. 101

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to promoting housing choice and opportunity in smart growth areas

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

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 315

House bill, entitled
An act relating to COVID-19 relief

Was taken up and pending the question, Shall the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment?, on motion of Rep. Hooper of Montpelier, action on the bill was postponed until April 2, 2021.

Third Reading; Joint Resolution Adopted

J.R.H. 2

Joint resolution, entitled

Joint resolution sincerely apologizing and expressing sorrow and regret to all individual Vermonters and their families and descendants who were harmed as a result of State-sanctioned eugenics policies and practices

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

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 157

House bill, entitled

An act relating to registration of construction contractors

Was taken up and pending the reading of the report of the Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs, on motion of Rep. Stevens of Waterbury, action on the bill was postponed until April 6, 2021.

Favorable Report Pending Third Reading; Consideration Interrupted

H. 227

Pending the question Shall the bill be read a third time?, Rep. Conlon of Cornwall, for the Committee on Education, to which had been committed House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Winooski

Reported in favor of its passage.

Recess

At one o'clock and fifty-two minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel for the purpose of a Joint Assembly.

At two o'clock and ten minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.
Consideration Resumed; Third Reading Ordered

H. 227

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Winooski

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, Rep. Shaw of Pittsford 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 be read a third time? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 99. Nays, 44.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Achey of Middletown
Springs
Batchelor of Derby
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 Fairfield
Hango of Berkshire
Harrison of Chittenden
Higley of Lowell
LaClair of Barre Town
Lefebvre of Orange
Leffler of Enosburgh
Marcotte of Coventry
Martel of Waterford
Martin of Franklin
Mattos of Milton
Mc Coy of Poultney
McFaun of Barre Town
Morgan, L. of Milton
Morgan, M. of Milton
Morrissey of Bennington
Norris of Sheldon
Norris of Shoreham
Page of Newport City
Parsons of Newbury
Peterson of Clarendon
Rosenquist of Georgia
Savage of Swanton
Scheuermann of Stowe
Seymour of Sutton
Shaw of Pittsford
Smith of Derby
Smith of New Haven
Strong of Albany
Sullivan of Dorset
Terenzini of Rutland Town
Toof of St. Albans Town
Williams of Granby

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Arrison of Weathersfield
Brennan of Colchester
Burditt of West Rutland
Christie of Hartford
Helm of Fair Haven
Squirrel of Underhill

Rep. Donahue of Northfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I supported Montpelier’s charter change to permit its non-US citizen residents to vote on its community’s own affairs. I would have supported a charter change from Winooski to permit its non-US citizen residents to vote on its community’s own affairs. Voting on a school budget is not just about a community’s own affairs. I cannot support a change that imposes Winooski’s choices on other communities through allowing participation in votes that have a statewide impact.”

Thereupon, third reading was ordered.

Message from the Senate No. 37

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. 10. An act relating to extending certain unemployment insurance provisions related to COVID-19.

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

Adjournment

At two o'clock and thirty 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.