

# Journal of the House

Thursday, April 1, 2021

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
Birong 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	White of Bethel
Dolan of Essex	Burlington	White of Hartford
Dolan of Waitsfield	Murphy of Fairfax	Whitman of Bennington
Donnally of Hyde Park	Nicoll of Ludlow	Wood of Waterbury
Durfee of Shaftsbury	Nigro of Bennington	Yacovone of Morristown
Elder of Starksboro	Notte of Rutland City	Yantachka of Charlotte
Emmons of Springfield	Noyes of Wolcott	
Feltus of Lyndon	O'Brien of Tunbridge	

Those who voted in the negative are:

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

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

Arrison of Weathersfield	Burditt of West Rutland	Helm of Fair Haven
Brennan of Colchester	Christie of Hartford	Squirrell 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:

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**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.