

Journal of the House

Wednesday, April 7, 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 Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee as follows:

H. 444

By Reps. Walz of Barre City and Anthony of Barre City,
House bill, entitled

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

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 445

By Reps. Squirrell of Underhill and Till of Jericho,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the Town of Underhill

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 22

By Senator Balint,

J.R.S. 22. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April 9, 2021, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

**Amendment Withdrawn; Read Third Time;
Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment**

S. 18

House bill, entitled

An act relating to limiting earned good time sentence reductions for offenders convicted of certain crimes

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

In Sec. 2, 28 V.S.A. § 818, in subsection (b), by striking out subdivision (1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (1) to read as follows:

(1) The program shall be available for all sentenced offenders, including furloughed offenders, provided that the program shall not be available to offenders on probation or parole, to offenders eligible for a reduction of term pursuant to section 811 of this title, to offenders sentenced to serve an interrupted sentence, to offenders sentenced for an offense that resulted in death or serious bodily injury, or to offenders sentenced to life without parole. Offenders currently serving a sentence shall be eligible to begin earning a reduction in term when the earned good time program becomes effective. Notwithstanding this subdivision (1), when an offender has been convicted of a disqualifying offense, the offender's ability to participate and earn time in the program shall be determined pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection.

Thereupon, **Rep. Savage of Swanton** asked and was granted leave of the House to withdraw his amendment.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Action on Bill Postponed

S. 60

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to allowing municipal and cooperative utilities to offer innovative rates and services

Was taken up and pending the reading of the report of the Committee on Energy and Technology, on motion of **Rep. Sibilia of Dover**, action on the bill was postponed until April 13, 2021.

Bill Amended; Consideration Interrupted**H. 157**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to registration of construction contractors

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

In Sec. 3, 26 V.S.A. chapter 107, in section 5501, in subsection (b), following “plumbing,” by inserting “solar.”

Which was agreed to.

Recess

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

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

Recess

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

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

Bill Amended; Read Third Time; Bill Passed**H. 157**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to registration of construction contractors

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

First: In Sec. 3, 26 V.S.A. chapter 107, in section 5509, by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read:

(c) Down payment.

(1) If a contract specifies a maximum price for all work and materials or a statement that billing and payment will be made on a time and materials basis, not to exceed a maximum price, the contract may require a down

payment of up to one-half of the contract price or of the price of materials, whichever is greater.

(2) If a contract specifies that billing and payment will be made on a time and materials basis and that there is no maximum price, the contract may require a down payment as negotiated by the parties.

Second: In Sec. 3, 26 V.S.A. chapter 107, in section 5510, by striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof new a subsection (a) to read:

(a) A person who does not register as required pursuant to this chapter may be subject to a civil penalty for unauthorized practice as provided in 3 V.S.A. § 127(b).

Third: In Sec. 3, 26 V.S.A. chapter 107, in section 5502, in subdivision (2), following “license” by striking out “, or a person performing work for the installation of a net-metered solar system pursuant to a certificate of public good issued by the Public Utilities Commission”

Rep. McCoy of Poultney asked that the question be divided into two so that the first and second instances of amendment be considered together, and that the third instance of amendment be considered separately.

Thereupon, the first and second instances of amendment as offered by **Rep. Stevens of Waterbury** were agreed to. Thereafter, the third instance of amendment offered by **Rep. Stevens of Waterbury** was agreed to.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Message from the Senate No. 40

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 considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 20. An act relating to pretrial risk assessments and pretrial services.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Adjournment

At two o'clock and forty-eight minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock and fifteen minutes in the afternoon.