

# Journal of the House

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Tuesday, January 11, 2022

At ten o'clock in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

## Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of a devotion.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker Krowinski led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 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 the first time by number and referred to committee as follows:

### H. 530

By Reps. Rogers of Waterville, Noyes of Wolcott, Page of Newport City, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating the Vermont Silver Alert Program

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

### H. 531

By Reps. Yacovone of Morristown, Brumsted of Shelburne, Webb of Shelburne, and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to supported housing options for individuals served through the developmental services waiver

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services.

### H. 532

By Rep. Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Rare Disease Advisory Council

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Care.

**H. 533**

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Leffler of Enosburgh, and Grad of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to converting civil forfeiture of property in drug-related prosecutions into a criminal process

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 534**

By Rep. Grad of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to sealing criminal history records

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 535**

By Rep. Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to judicial nominations and appointments

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 536**

By Reps. LaLonde of South Burlington, Grad of Moretown, Jerome of Brandon, and Kimbell of Woodstock,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Vermont Uniform Power of Attorney Act

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 537**

By Reps. Vyhovsky of Essex, Cordes of Lincoln, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Brady of Williston, Brown of Richmond, Burrows of West Windsor, Colburn of Burlington, Dolan of Essex, Elder of Starksboro, Goldman of Rockingham, Houghton of Essex, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Rachelson of Burlington, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, and Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a statewide mask mandate

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services.

**H. 538**

By Rep. Grad of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the establishment, ownership, and operation of a cemetery by a nonprofit college or university

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

**H. 539**

By Rep. Pugh of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to youth banking by minors in foster care

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 540**

By Reps. Goldman of Rockingham, Burrows of West Windsor, Brumsted of Shelburne, Donahue of Northfield, Houghton of Essex, Noyes of Wolcott, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, and Small of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to strengthening support for social determinants of health

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services.

**H. 541**

By Reps. Dolan of Essex, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Christie of Hartford, Coffey of Guilford, Notte of Rutland City, and Vyhovsky of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the Victims Services Advisory Council within the Center for Crime Victims Services

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 542**

By Reps. Dolan of Waitsfield, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester,

Brumsted of Shelburne, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, and Satcowitz of Randolph,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing riparian protection areas in the State

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife.

#### **H. 543**

By Reps. Dolan of Waitsfield, Anthony of Barre City, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brumsted of Shelburne, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Ode of Burlington, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to regulation of wetlands in the State

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife.

#### **H. 544**

By Reps. Canfield of Fair Haven, Helm of Fair Haven, and Norris of Shoreham,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to leveling Vermont Route 22A

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

#### **H. 545**

By Reps. Christie of Hartford, Austin of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Dolan of Waitsfield, Goldman of Rockingham, Killacky of South Burlington, Rogers of Waterville, Small of Winooski, Vyhovsky of Essex, and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to per diems for boards and commissions

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

#### **H. 546**

By Reps. Grad of Moretown, Christie of Hartford, LaLonde of South

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Burlington, and Colston of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to racial justice statistics

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 547**

By Reps. Wood of Waterbury, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burrows of West Windsor, Coffey of Guilford, Harrison of Chittenden, Houghton of Essex, McFaun of Barre Town, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, and Small of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting students from standardized assessments in public schools

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

**H. 548**

By Reps. Grad of Moretown and Burditt of West Rutland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous cannabis establishment procedures

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 549**

By Reps. Hango of Berkshire, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Leffler of Enosburgh, Martin of Franklin, Murphy of Fairfax, Page of Newport City, and Palasik of Milton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont Housing Regulation Modernization

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife.

**H. 550**

By Reps. Terenzini of Rutland Town, Brennan of Colchester, Goslant of Northfield, Hango of Berkshire, Higley of Lowell, Lefebvre of Newark, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Page of Newport City, and Peterson of Clarendon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the energy efficiency charge for net metering customers

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

**H. 551**

By Reps. Grad of Moretown, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, LaLonde of South Burlington, and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting racially and religiously restrictive covenants in deeds

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 552**

By Reps. Bartholomew of Hartland, Burke of Brattleboro, McCormack of Burlington, Stebbins of Burlington, White of Hartford, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bock of Chester, Bongartz of Manchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Briglin of Thetford, Brown of Richmond, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Chase of Colchester, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Copeland Hanzas of Bradford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dolan of Essex, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donnally of Hyde Park, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Goldman of Rockingham, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex, James of Manchester, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaLonde of South Burlington, Long of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibilina of Dover, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Squirrel of Underhill, Surprenant of Barnard, Till of Jericho, Troiano of Stannard, Vyhovsky of Essex, Walz of Barre City, White of Bethel, Whitman of Bennington, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to transportation initiatives to reduce carbon emissions

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**H. 553**

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Dolan of Essex, and Grad of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

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An act relating to eligibility of domestic partners for reimbursement from the Victims Compensation Program

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 554**

By Reps. Dolan of Waitsfield, Anthony of Barre City, Bock of Chester, Masland of Thetford, Ode of Burlington, and Squirrell of Underhill,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to an aquatic invasive species decal

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**H. 555**

By Rep. Webb of Shelburne,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to health insurance coverage for children's hearing aids

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Care.

**H. 556**

By Reps. Sims of Craftsbury, Bluemle of Burlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Anthony of Barre City, Birong of Vergennes, Bongartz of Manchester, Brown of Richmond, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Goldman of Rockingham, Killacky of South Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Stebbins of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Surprenant of Barnard, Troiano of Stannard, White of Hartford, Whitman of Bennington, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting property owned by Vermont-recognized Native American tribes from property tax

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 557**

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Anthony of Barre City, Burke of Brattleboro, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, and Squirrell of Underhill,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to energy from large hydroelectric plants

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

**H. 558**

By Reps. Harrison of Chittenden, Achey of Middletown Springs, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Brownell of Pownal, Christie of Hartford, Coffey of Guilford, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Hooper of Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Leffler of Enosburgh, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Norris of Sheldon, Noyes of Wolcott, Page of Newport City, Palasik of Milton, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon, Rosenquist of Georgia, Scheuermann of Stowe, Smith of Derby, Troiano of Stannard, and Williams of Granby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing the income tax exemption for Social Security benefits

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 559**

By Reps. Kimbell of Woodstock and Marcotte of Coventry,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to workers' compensation

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 560**

By Reps. Houghton of Essex, Black of Essex, Burrows of West Windsor, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Donahue of Northfield, Goldman of Rockingham, Lippert of Hinesburg, and Small of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the certification of mental health peer support specialists

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Care.

**H. 561**

By Reps. Houghton of Essex, Black of Essex, Burrows of West Windsor, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Goldman of Rockingham, and Small of Winooski,

House bill, entitled



An act relating to peer-operated respite centers

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Care.

**H. 562**

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Bluemle of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Donahue of Northfield, Donnally of Hyde Park, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Masland of Thetford, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Notte of Rutland City, Stebbins of Burlington, Vyhovsky of Essex, and Whitman of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a sexual protective device

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 563**

By Reps. Strong of Albany, Achey of Middletown Springs, Hango of Berkshire, Higley of Lowell, Lefebvre of Orange, Martel of Waterford, Morrissey of Bennington, Peterson of Clarendon, Rosenquist of Georgia, and Williams of Granby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to regulating facilities that provide abortion services

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services.

**H. 564**

By Reps. Strong of Albany, Achey of Middletown Springs, Hango of Berkshire, Higley of Lowell, Lefebvre of Orange, Martel of Waterford, Morrissey of Bennington, Peterson of Clarendon, Rosenquist of Georgia, and Williams of Granby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring notification of a parent or guardian prior to performing an abortion on a minor

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services.

**H. 565**

By Reps. Strong of Albany, Achey of Middletown Springs, Hango of Berkshire, Higley of Lowell, Lefebvre of Orange, Martel of Waterford, Peterson of Clarendon, Rosenquist of Georgia, and Williams of Granby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring the performance of a fetal ultrasound prior to obtaining an abortion

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services.

**H. 566**

By Reps. Sims of Craftsbury, Partridge of Windham, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bock of Chester, Bongartz of Manchester, Brumsted of Shelburne, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Harrison of Chittenden, Kimbell of Woodstock, Masland of Thetford, Norris of Shoreham, Pajala of Londonderry, Patt of Worcester, Rogers of Waterville, Sibia of Dover, Strong of Albany, Surprenant of Barnard, White of Bethel, Williams of Granby, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

**H. 567**

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Killacky of South Burlington, Masland of Thetford, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Vyhovsky of Essex, Walz of Barre City, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to seizure action plans in public schools and approved independent schools

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

**H. 568**

By Reps. Cordes of Lincoln, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Sims of Craftsbury, Till of Jericho, Vyhovsky of Essex, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the dissemination of masks and at-home rapid antigen tests

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services.

**H. 569**

By Reps. Marcotte of Coventry and Kimbell of Woodstock,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to supporting economic development

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 570**

By Reps. Marcotte of Coventry and Kimbell of Woodstock,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to enhancing data privacy protections for consumers

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 571**

By Reps. Bos-Lun of Westminster, Goldman of Rockingham, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Patt of Worcester, Vyhovsky of Essex, White of Hartford, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing Medicaid dental reimbursement rates

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Care.

**Senate Bill Referred****S. 222**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to authorizing temporary Open Meeting Law procedures in response to COVID-19

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

**Action on Bill Postponed****S. 78**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to binding interest arbitration for employees of the Vermont Judiciary

Was taken up, and pending the reading of the report of the Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs, on motion of **Rep. Walz of Barre City**, action on the bill was postponed until January 20, 2022.

**Action on Bill Postponed****H. 157**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to registration of construction contractors

Was taken up, and pending consideration of the Senate proposal of amendment, on motion of **Rep. Troiano of Stannard**, action on the bill was postponed until January 14, 2022.

**Adjournment**

At ten o'clock and thirteen minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.