

Journal of the House

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

At three o'clock in the afternoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

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

Message from the Senate No. 6

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant 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. 223. An act relating to authorizing temporary elections procedures for annual meetings in the year 2022.

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

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

J.R.S. 35. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

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. 572

By Reps. Webb of Shelburne, Brumsted of Shelburne, and Hooper of Randolph,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the retirement allowance for interim educators

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

H. 573

By Reps. Strong of Albany, Higley of Lowell, LaClair of Barre Town, Peterson of Clarendon, and Williams of Granby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on immunization status

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

H. 574

By Rep. Harrison of Chittenden,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to simplifying access to benefits and services

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

H. 575

By Reps. Ode of Burlington, Dolan of Waitsfield, and Grad of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to music therapists and art therapists

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

H. 576

By Reps. Rosenquist of Georgia, Strong of Albany, Achey of Middletown Springs, Hango of Berkshire, and Peterson of Clarendon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to banning selective abortions based on sex, Down syndrome, or genetic abnormalities

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

H. 577

By Rep. Webb of Shelburne,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

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

H. 578

By Rep. Stebbins of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requirements for older drivers to renew operator's licenses

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

H. 579

By Reps. Cordes of Lincoln, Anthony of Barre City, Cina of Burlington, Elder of Starksboro, Lefebvre of Orange, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Patt of Worcester, Stebbins of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Till of Jericho, Troiano of Stannard, Vyhovsky of Essex, and White of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to health insurance coverage for donated human breast milk

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

H. 580

By Reps. Scheu of Middlebury and Conlon of Cornwall,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a grant program for adaptive sports and mobility-enhancing equipment

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

H. 581

By Reps. Kimbell of Woodstock, Birong of Vergennes, Brady of Williston, Burrows of West Windsor, Coffey of Guilford, Conlon of Cornwall, Feltus of Lyndon, Goldman of Rockingham, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Jerome of Brandon, Lefebvre of Newark, Nicoll of Ludlow, Norris of Shoreham, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Pearl of Danville, Rogers of Waterville, Rosenquist of Georgia, Seymour of Sutton, Sibilialia of Dover, Sims of Craftsbury, Stebbins of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, White of Bethel, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to rural economic development

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

H. 582

By Rep. Sibiliala of Dover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of the Pipelines and Pathways Grant Program

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

H. 583

By Reps. Achey of Middletown Springs, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Page of Newport City, Peterson of Clarendon, Rosenquist of Georgia, Strong of Albany, Williams of Granby, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a right of appeal for listers

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

H. 584

By Reps. Bos-Lun of Westminster, Christie of Hartford, Burrows of West Windsor, Black of Essex, Brady of Williston, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Dolan of Essex, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Goldman of Rockingham, Grad of Moretown, Houghton of Essex, Lippert of Hinesburg, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Sibiliala of Dover, Small of Winooski, Surprenant of Barnard, Vyhovsky of Essex, White of Hartford, and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of an antiracist education certification

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

H. 585

By Reps. Sims of Craftsbury, Anthony of Barre City, Colston of Winooski, Leffler of Enosburgh, Sibiliala of Dover, and Vyhovsky of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reapportionment

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

Operations.

H. 586

By Reps. Rogers of Waterville, Burke of Brattleboro, Dolan of Waitsfield, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, McCullough of Williston, and Pajala of Londonderry,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to eco-sanitation systems

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

H. 587

By Rep. Birong of Vergennes,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expressly authorizing the manufacture of alcoholic beverages pursuant to contract

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

H. 588

By Rep. Birong of Vergennes,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to authorizing satellite tasting rooms for manufacturers of alcoholic beverages

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

Committee Bill Introduced

H. 589

By the Committee on Government Operations,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reapportioning the initial districts of the House of Representatives

Was read, and pursuant to Rule 48, placed on the Calendar for Notice.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 223

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to authorizing temporary elections procedures for annual meetings in the year 2022

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

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

H. 553

House bill, entitled

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

Appearing on the Calendar for Notice, and pursuant to Rule 35(a), carrying an appropriation, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 35

By Senator Balint,

J.R.S. 35. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 14, 2022, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

Recess

At three o'clock and twelve minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

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

Rules Suspended; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered; Rules Suspended; Passed in Concurrence and Messaged to the Senate Forthwith

S. 222

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and Senate bill, entitled

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

Pending appearance on the Calendar for Notice, was taken up for immediate consideration and the bill was read for the second time.

Rep. Mrowicki of Putney, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which had been referred the Senate bill, reported in favor of its passage in concurrence.

Thereupon, third reading was ordered.

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bill placed on all remaining stages of passage. Thereafter, bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bill was ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith.

Committee Relieved of Consideration and Bill Committed to Other Committee

H. 512

Rep. Copeland Hanzas of Bradford moved that the Committee on Government Operations be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to modernizing land records and notarial acts law

And that the bill be committed to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

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

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 Rule 16b of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted on the part of the House:

H.C.R. 76

House concurrent resolution congratulating Elle Purrier St. Pierre on her outstanding performance in the 2020 Olympics women's 1500-meter race

H.C.R. 77

House concurrent resolution honoring Douglas Weld for his exemplary community service in the town of Berkshire

H.C.R. 78

House concurrent resolution congratulating the successful rescue effort of Newport City Fire Chief John Harlamert and retired Chief Robert (RJ) George

H.C.R. 79

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2021 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II boys' varsity soccer team

H.C.R. 80

House concurrent resolution honoring former Brattleboro Town Manager Peter Elwell for his outstanding municipal public service

H.C.R. 81

House concurrent resolution in memory and recognition of Henry A. LaGue Jr. of Berlin

H.C.R. 82

House concurrent resolution honoring former Brandon Police Lieutenant Rodney Pulsifer for his exemplary law enforcement career

H.C.R. 83

House concurrent resolution honoring former Brattleboro Public Works Director Stephen Barrett for his outstanding municipal public service

H.C.R. 84

House concurrent resolution honoring the civic contributions of John H. and Mary F. Carnahan to the community life of Brattleboro

H.C.R. 85

House concurrent resolution designating January 20, 2022, as Homelessness Awareness Day in Vermont

S.C.R. 10

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2021 Bellows Falls Union High School Terriers Division II championship varsity football team.

[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 2022 Adjourned Session.]