

Journal of the House

Thursday, January 13, 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. 7

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 adopted Senate concurrent resolution of the following title:

S.C.R. 10. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2021 Bellows Falls Union High School Terriers Division II championship varsity football team..

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

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.

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. 590

By Rep. Birong of Vergennes,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to low-alcohol spirits beverages

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

H. 591

By Rep. Birong of Vergennes,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a direct-to-consumer spirits shipping license

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

H. 592

By Rep. Satcowitz of Randolph,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to municipal ordinances governing nuisance properties containing salvage and scrap

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 593

By Rep. Campbell of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to new motor vehicle arbitration

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 594

By Reps. Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Colburn of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Vyhovsky of Essex, White of Hartford, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to jurisdiction over building energy codes

To the Committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 595

By Rep. Black of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to allowing essential caregivers to visit residents of long-term care facilities during a public health emergency

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 596

By Reps. Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Burrows of West Windsor, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Goldman of Rockingham, Small of Winooski, Surprenant of Barnard, and Vyhovsky of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to proper disposal of unused prescription drugs

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 597

By Reps. Canfield of Fair Haven, Birong of Vergennes, Hango of Berkshire, Martel of Waterford, and Noyes of Wolcott,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting military retirement and military survivor benefit income

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 598

By Reps. Page of Newport City, Anthony of Barre City, Bongartz of Manchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Goldman of Rockingham, Hango of Berkshire, Houghton of Essex, Labor of Morgan, Lefebvre of Newark, Masland of Thetford, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Rosenquist of Georgia, Seymour of Sutton, Sims of Craftsbury, Smith of Derby, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a rail feasibility study

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 599

By Reps. Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Bluemle of Burlington, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Small of Winooski, Surprenant of Barnard, and Vyhovsky of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the administration of Executive Branch contracts

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 600

By Reps. Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Dolan of Essex, Elder of Starksboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Scheu of Middlebury, Sims of Craftsbury, Vyhovsky of Essex, White of Hartford, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to heating and cooling systems owned or controlled by the State

To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 601

By Reps. Page of Newport City, Marcotte of Coventry, Smith of Derby, Anthony of Barre City, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Goldman of Rockingham, Hango of Berkshire, Higley of Lowell, Houghton of Essex, Labor of Morgan, Lefebvre of Newark, Masland of Thetford, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Mrowicki of Putney, Ode of Burlington, Rosenquist of Georgia,

Seymour of Sutton, Sims of Craftsbury, Strong of Albany, and Williams of Granby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to declaring Lake Memphremagog to be a lake in crisis

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

H. 602

By Reps. Page of Newport City, Chase of Colchester, Goldman of Rockingham, Houghton of Essex, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Rosenquist of Georgia, Seymour of Sutton, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting the sale of tobacco products utilizing single-use filters

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 603

By Rep. Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requirements for transfer of nursing home ownership

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 604

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe and Rogers of Waterville,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to valuation of time-share projects

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 605

By Reps. Dolan of Waitsfield, Christie of Hartford, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, and Sheldon of Middlebury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to clean water funding

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

H. 606

By Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to community resilience and biodiversity protection

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

H. 607

By Reps. Durfee of Shaftsbury, Bongartz of Manchester, and Nigro of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to medical debt collection

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 608

By Reps. Cupoli of Rutland City, Anthony of Barre City, Arrison of Weathersfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Leffler of Enosburgh, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Strong of Albany, Williams of Granby, and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the simplification of the home study program

To the Committee on Education.

H. 609

By Reps. Cupoli of Rutland City, Anthony of Barre City, Arrison of Weathersfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Page of Newport City, Sibilias of Dover, and Williams of Granby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to technical corrections to Title 16

To the Committee on Education.

H. 610

By Reps. Hango of Berkshire, Martin of Franklin, and Murphy of Fairfax,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to airport expansion and primary agricultural soils

To the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 611

By Rep. Smith of Derby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to flag displays at public schools

To the Committee on Education.

H. 612

By Reps. Page of Newport City, Anthony of Barre City, Arrison of Weathersfield, Chase of Colchester, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Houghton of Essex, Labor of Morgan, LaClair of Barre Town, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Mrowicki of Putney, Peterson of Clarendon, Rosenquist of Georgia, Seymour of Sutton, Smith of Derby, Williams of Granby, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to landlord notice of utility disconnections

To the Committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 613

By Rep. Birong of Vergennes,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to farm-based manufacturers of alcoholic beverages

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

H. 614

By Rep. Ode of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to time off for illness and for federal holidays

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

H. 615

By Reps. Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Bluemle of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Burrows of West Windsor, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Goldman of Rockingham, Howard of Rutland City, Killacky of South Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Vyhovsky of Essex, and Walz of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to compensation history and transparency

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

H. 616

By Reps. Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Anthony of Barre City, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Donnally of Hyde Park, Goldman of Rockingham, Howard of Rutland City, Jessup of Middlesex, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Scheu of Middlebury, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Squirrel of Underhill, Stebbins of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Toleno of Brattleboro, Troiano of Stannard, Vyhovsky of Essex, Walz of Barre City, White of Bethel, and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the Office of the Unemployment Insurance Advocate

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 617

By Rep. Kimbell of Woodstock,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to notice of employment laws

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 618

By Reps. O'Brien of Tunbridge, Brumsted of Shelburne, Donahue of Northfield, Webb of Shelburne, and White of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to providing the Abenaki with access to State lands

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

H. 619

By Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the installation of fireblocking in single-family dwellings

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

H. 620

By Rep. Stevens of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Abenaki land ownership and land repatriation

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

H. 621

By Reps. Troiano of Stannard, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bluemle of Burlington, Burrows of West Windsor, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Killacky of South Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Notte of Rutland City, Patt of Worcester, Townsend of South Burlington, Vyhovsky of Essex, Walz of Barre City, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the certification of collective bargaining representatives

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

H. 622

By Rep. Morrissey of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to service dog training

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 623

By Reps. Burke of Brattleboro and Coffey of Guilford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to employment protections for volunteer firefighters

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

H. 624

By Reps. Jerome of Brandon, Austin of Colchester, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dolan of Waitsfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Hango of Berkshire, Killacky of South Burlington, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Noyes of

Wolcott, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Rachelson of Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sims of Craftsbury, Stebbins of Burlington, White of Bethel, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to supporting creative sector businesses and cultural organizations

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 625

By Reps. Bluemle of Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Anthony of Barre City, Burrows of West Windsor, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, and Stebbins of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to providing protections against eviction, foreclosure, and tax sales

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

H. 626

By Reps. Sheldon of Middlebury and Troiano of Stannard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides

To the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. 628

By Reps. Small of Winooski, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brown of Richmond, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burrows of West Windsor, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Copeland Hanzas of Bradford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dolan of Essex, Donnally of Hyde Park, Elder of Starksboro, Goldman of Rockingham, Grad of Moretown, James of Manchester, Killacky of South Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Lippert of Hinesburg, Pajala of Londonderry, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Rogers of Waterville, Sibia of Dover, Sims of Craftsbury, Stebbins of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Vyhovsky of Essex, White of Hartford, Whitman of Bennington, and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to amending a birth certificate to reflect gender identity

To the Committee on Human Services.

Committee Bill Introduced

H. 627

By the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Vermont Economic Development Authority

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

House Discrimination Prevention Panel Appointment Announced

Due to a vacancy on the House Discrimination Prevention Panel, and pursuant to House Rule 90(a)(3), the House Rules Committee appointed the following member to the House Discrimination Prevention Panel:

Rep. Killacky of South Burlington

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 74

House bill, entitled

An act relating to making miscellaneous changes concerning self-storage businesses

Was taken up, and pending the reading of the report of the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, on motion of **Rep. Marcotte of Coventry**, action on the bill was postponed until January 18, 2022.

Rules Suspended; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered;

Rules Suspended; Third Reading; Passed in Concurrence;

Rules Suspended; Bill Messaged to Senate Forthwith

S. 223

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

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

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

Rep. LaClair of Barre Town, 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. The 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.

Adjournment

At three o'clock and twenty-three 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.