

# Journal of the House

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

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

## Message from the Senate No. 15

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

**H. 454.** An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has considered joint resolution originating in the House of the following title:

**J.R.H. 13.** Joint resolution extending the application of temporary Joint Rule 22A.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

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

**H.C.R. 88.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2021 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I boys' cross-country championship team.

**H.C.R. 89.** House concurrent resolution congratulating St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltopper Evan Thornton-Sherman on winning the 2021 individual boys' Division I cross-country running championship.

**H.C.R. 90.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the Essex High School Hornets 2021 Division I championship varsity football team.

**H.C.R. 91.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Iris Hsiang on winning the 2021 Rights & Democracy Human Rights Award for Vermont.

**H.C.R. 92.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the Essex High

School Hornets 2021 Division I championship boys' varsity soccer team.

**H.C.R. 93.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2021 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III girls' cross-country championship team.

**H.C.R. 94.** House concurrent resolution in memory of Robert D. Bates.

**H.C.R. 95.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2021 Essex High School Hornets State championship girls' varsity volleyball team.

### **Recess**

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

### **Message from the Senate No. 16**

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 considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill of the following title:

**S. 78.** An act relating to binding interest arbitration for employees of the Vermont Judiciary.

And has concurred therein.

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

**J.R.S. 38.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

### **Recess**

At eleven o'clock and seventeen minutes 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**

Page Abraham Dunne of Hartland led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**House Bills Introduced****H. 702**

By Reps. Coffey of Guilford and Killacky of South Burlington,  
House bill, entitled

An act relating to appropriating funds for the 2023 Farmers' Night Concert Series

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

**H. 703**

By Rep. Toleno of Brattleboro,  
House bill, entitled

An act relating to promoting workforce development

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

**Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered****H. 320**

**Rep. Bluemle of Burlington**, for the Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting agreements that prevent an employee from working for the employer following the settlement of a discrimination claim

Reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 21 V.S.A. § 495, by striking out subsection (i) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i)(1) An agreement to settle a claim of a violation of subsection (a) of this section shall not prohibit, prevent, or otherwise restrict the employee from working for the employer or any parent company, subsidiary, division, or affiliate of the employer. Any provision of an agreement to settle a claim of a violation of subsection (a) of this section that violates this subsection shall be void and unenforceable with respect to the individual who made the claim.

(2) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any settlement agreement that was entered into on or before June 30, 2022.

Second: In Sec. 2, effective date, by striking out the number “2021” and inserting in lieu thereof the number “2022”

The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, the report of the Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs agreed to, and third reading ordered.

### **Adjournment**

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