

# Journal of the House

Friday, February 4, 2022

At ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon 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. 18

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. 693.** An act relating to the annual budget vote of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

## Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Vermont Adopted in Concurrence

### Proposal 2

**Rep. Colston of Winooski**, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which had been referred Proposal 2, which is printed in full below, reported in favor of its adoption in concurrence.

Proposal 2, having appeared on the Calendar for five legislative days pursuant to House Rule 51a, was taken up.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

Subject: Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on slavery and indentured servitude

PROPOSAL 2

## Sec. 1. PURPOSE

This proposal would amend the Constitution of the State of Vermont to clarify that slavery and indentured servitude in any form are prohibited.

Sec. 2. Article 1 of Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

Article 1. [All persons born free; their natural rights; slavery and indentured servitude prohibited]

That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety; therefore ~~no person born in this country, or brought from over sea, ought to be holden by law, to serve any person as a servant, slave or apprentice, after arriving to the age of twenty-one years, unless bound by the person's own consent, after arriving to such age, or bound by law for the payment of debts, damages, fines, costs, or the like~~ slavery and indentured servitude in any form are prohibited.

## Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

The amendment set forth in Sec. 2 shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Vermont on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 2022 when ratified and adopted by the people of this State in accordance with the provisions of 17 V.S.A. chapter 32.

Pending the question, Shall the House adopt the constitutional proposal in concurrence?, **Rep. Colston of Winooski** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the House adopt the Constitutional proposal in concurrence?, was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 139. Nays, 3.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Achey of Middletown Springs	Graham of Williamstown	Ode of Burlington
Ancel of Calais	Gregoire of Fairfield	Page of Newport City
Anthony of Barre City	Hango of Berkshire	Pajala of Londonderry
Arrison of Weathersfield	Harrison of Chittenden	Palasik of Milton
Austin of Colchester	Helm of Fair Haven	Parsons of Newbury
Bartholomew of Hartland	Higley of Lowell	Partridge of Windham
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Hooper of Montpelier	Patt of Worcester
Birong of Vergennes	Hooper of Randolph	Pearl of Danville
Black of Essex	Hooper of Burlington	Peterson of Clarendon
Bluemle of Burlington	Houghton of Essex	Pugh of South Burlington
	Howard of Rutland City	Rachelson of Burlington

Bock of Chester	James of Manchester	Rogers of Waterville
Bongartz of Manchester	Jerome of Brandon	Rosenquist of Georgia
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Jessup of Middlesex	Satcowitz of Randolph
Brady of Williston	Killacky of South Burlington	Scheu of Middlebury
Brennan of Colchester	Kimbell of Woodstock	Scheuermann of Stowe
Briglin of Thetford	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Shaw of Pittsford
Brown of Richmond	LaLonde of South Burlington	Sheldon of Middlebury
Brumsted of Shelburne	Lanpher of Vergennes	Sibilia of Dover
Burke of Brattleboro	Lefebvre of Newark	Sims of Craftsbury
Burrows of West Windsor *	Lefebvre of Orange	Small of Winooski
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Leffler of Enosburgh	Smith of New Haven
Canfield of Fair Haven	Lippert of Hinesburg	Squirrell of Underhill
Chase of Colchester	Long of Newfane	Stebbins of Burlington
Christie of Hartford *	Martel of Waterford	Stevens of Waterbury
Cina of Burlington	Martin of Franklin	Strong of Albany
Coffey of Guilford	Masland of Thetford	Sullivan of Dorset
Colburn of Burlington	Mattos of Milton	Surprenant of Barnard
Colston of Winooski	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Taylor of Colchester
Conlon of Cornwall	McCormack of Burlington	Till of Jericho
Copeland Hanzas of Bradford	McCoy of Poultney	Toleno of Brattleboro
Corcoran of Bennington	McCullough of Williston	Toof of St. Albans Town
Cordes of Lincoln	McFaun of Barre Town	Townsend of South Burlington
Cupoli of Rutland City	Morgan, L. of Milton	Troiano of Stannard
Dolan of Essex	Morgan, M. of Milton	Vyhovsky of Essex
Dolan of Waitsfield	Morris of Springfield	Walker of Swanton
Donahue of Northfield	Morrissey of Bennington	Walz of Barre City
Donnally of Hyde Park	Mrowicki of Putney	Webb of Shelburne
Durfee of Shaftsbury	Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington	White of Bethel
Elder of Starksboro	Murphy of Fairfax	White of Hartford
Emmons of Springfield	Nicoll of Ludlow	Whitman of Bennington
Fagan of Rutland City	Nigro of Bennington	Williams of Granby
Feltus of Lyndon	Norris of Sheldon	Wood of Waterbury
Gannon of Wilmington	Norris of Shoreham	Yacovone of Morristown
Garofano of Essex	Notte of Rutland City	Yantachka of Charlotte
Goldman of Rockingham	Noyes of Wolcott	
Goslant of Northfield	O'Brien of Tunbridge	
Grad of Moretown		

Those who voted in the negative are:

Labor of Morgan	LaClair of Barre Town	Smith of Derby
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Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Brownell of Pownal	Kitzmiller of Montpelier	Seymour of Sutton
Burditt of West Rutland	Marcotte of Coventry	Terenzini of Rutland Town
Dickinson of St. Albans Town		

**Rep. Burrows of West Windsor** explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I am humbled to be able to vote yes, and I dedicate my vote to Dinah Mason, a human sold as property to Vermont Supreme Court Justice Stephen Jacob, of Windsor, Vermont, in 1783. Thank you.”

**Rep. Christie of Hartford** explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

With a tear in my eye.

My vote is clearly stated in the lyrics of our State Song.

‘These Green Hills and silver waters are my home they belong to me and to ALL her sons and daughters may they be strong and forever free.’”

### **Action Postponed on Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Vermont**

#### **Proposal 5**

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Vermont

Subject: Declaration of rights; right to personal reproductive liberty

Was taken up, and pending the reading of the report of the Committee on Human Services, on motion of **Rep. Pugh of South Burlington**, action on Proposal 5 was postponed until February 8, 2022.

#### **Adjournment**

At eleven and fifteen minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at ten o’clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 38.

#### **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. 96**

House concurrent resolution recognizing July 2022 as Park and Recreation Month in Vermont and designating July 15, 2022, as Vermont Park and Recreation Professionals Day in Vermont.

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**H.C.R. 97**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Alicia Dana on winning the Women's Road Race H1-4 cycling bronze medal at the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo

[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2022 Adjourned Session.]