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 helden 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:

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Burke of Brattleboro  
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Stevens of Waterbury  
Strong of Albany  
Sullivan of Dorset  
Surprenant of Barnard  
Taylor of Colchester  
Till of Jericho  
Toleo of Brattleboro  
Toof of St. Albans Town  
Townsend of Vermont  
Burlington  
Troiano of Stannard  
Vyrovsky of Essex  
Walker of Swanton  
Walz of Barre City  
Webb of Shelburne  
White of Bethel  
White of Hartford  
Whitman of Bennington  
Williams of Granby  
Wood of Waterbury  
Yacovone of Morristown  
Yantachka of Charlotte  

Those who voted in the negative are:

Labor of Morgan  
LaClair of Barre Town  
Smith of Derby  

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  

Till of Jericho
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.
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.]