

# Journal of the House

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

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

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Marjorie Ryerson, Poet and former member of the House (2014; 2015-2016), Randolph, VT.

## Message from the Senate No. 25

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. 122.** An act relating to the required votes of presidential electors.

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

The Senate has considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

**H. 361.** An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Brattleboro.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

Pursuant to the request of the House for a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill entitled:

**H. 679.** An act relating to fiscal year 2022 budget adjustments.

The President announced the appointment as members of such Committee on the part of the Senate:

Senator Kitchel  
Senator Sears  
Senator Westman

## Committee Bills Introduced

**H. 708**

By the Committee on Government Operations,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington

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

**H. 709**

By the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

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

**Senate Bill Referred**

**S. 122**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the required votes of presidential electors

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

**Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means**

**H. 448**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington

Appearing on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to House Rule 35(a), affecting the revenue of the State or materially affecting the revenue of one or more municipalities, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations**

**H. 518**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of the Municipal Fuel Switching Grant Program

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

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**Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence****J.R.S. 42**

By Senator Balint,

**J.R.S. 42.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 18, 2022, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

**Action on Bill Postponed****H. 157**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to registration of construction contractors

Was taken up, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?, on motion of **Rep. Stevens of Waterbury**, action on the bill was postponed until April 20, 2022.

**Third Reading; Bills Passed**

House bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time, and passed:

**H. 447**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Springfield

**H. 628**

House bill, entitled

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

**Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered****H. 556**

**Rep. Brennan of Colchester**, for the Committee on Ways and Means, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting property owned by Vermont-recognized Native American tribes from property tax

Reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, findings; statement of purpose, by striking out the second sentence in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof “Stewardship of these lands was removed from the Abenaki by European governments and settlers.”

Second: In Sec. 3, 32 V.S.A. § 3802, in subdivision (21), after “organized for the tribe’s benefit” by inserting “and controlled by the tribe”

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

### **Adjournment**

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