

Journal of the House

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

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

Message from the Senate No. 44

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 bills of the following titles:

S. 181. An act relating to authorizing miscellaneous regulatory authority for municipal governments.

S. 204. An act relating to licensure of freestanding birth centers.

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

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

S. 53. An act relating to exempting feminine hygiene products from the Vermont Sales and Use Tax.

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

Senator Cummings

Senator Brock

Senator Hardy

The Senate has on its part considered the Governor's veto of a House bill of the following title:

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

And has sustained such veto.

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

H.C.R. 128. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2022 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II boys' ice hockey championship team.

H.C.R. 129. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2022 Bellows Free Academy-St Albans Comets Division I girls' championship ice hockey team.

H.C.R. 130. House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2022 as the Month of the Military Child and April 15, 2022 as Purple Up Day in Vermont.

H.C.R. 131. House concurrent resolution honoring Melinda Moulton and Lisa Steele for their pivotal role in rejuvenating the Burlington waterfront.

H.C.R. 132. House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2022 as National Donate Life Month in Vermont.

H.C.R. 133. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2022 Essex High School Hornets Division I boys' ice hockey championship team.

H.C.R. 134. House concurrent resolution recognizing April 6, 2022 as Start by Believing Day in Vermont.

Seating Ceremony of New Members

A formal seating ceremony was held for new members who joined the Legislature during its period of remote operation. Members were seated in the House Chamber pursuant to House Rule 5.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Geof Hewitt of Calais.

Pledge of Allegiance

Page Jeremiah Watson of East Haven led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Bill Introduced

H. 744

By the Committee on Government Operations,
House bill, entitled

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

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

Senate Bills Referred

Senate bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the first time, and referred as follows:

S. 181

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to authorizing miscellaneous regulatory authority for municipal governments

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 204

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to licensure of freestanding birth centers

To the Committee on Health Care.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations**S. 72**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

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

House Resolution Placed on Calendar**H.R. 24**

House resolution reaffirming the friendship between Vermont and the Republic of China (Taiwan) and supporting both enhanced United States-Taiwan bilateral relations and Taiwan's participation in the international community

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Ancel of Calais, and Webb of Shelburne

Whereas, the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) share a vibrant, mutually beneficial bilateral relationship based on our common values of freedom, democracy, the rule of law, and a free market economy, and the relationship has never been stronger, and

Whereas, the United States is Taiwan's second-largest trading partner, and Taiwan is the United States' eighth-largest trading partner, and American trade in goods with Taiwan totaled an estimated \$114.1 billion in 2021, and

Whereas, a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between Taiwan and the United States would increase Vermont exports to Taiwan and create more jobs in the State, and

Whereas, Vermont and Taiwan have enjoyed a long history of productive bilateral relations as Taiwan is our second-largest export market, and, in 2020, the two jurisdictions entered into a driver's license reciprocity agreement, and

Whereas, the Government of Taiwan desires to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Vermont to increase educational exchanges, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body reaffirms the friendship between Vermont and the Republic of China (Taiwan) and supports enhanced United States-Taiwan bilateral relations and Taiwan's participation in the international community, and be it further

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Joseph R. Biden, President Tsai Ing-wen of the Republic of China (Taiwan), Director-General Jonathan Sun of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston, Governor Philip B. Scott, and to the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

Was read by title and, in the Speaker's discretion, placed on the Action Calendar on the next legislative day pursuant to House Rule 52.

**Favorable Report; Second Reading;
Third Reading Ordered**

S. 184

Rep. Grad of Moretown, for the Committee on Judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to defense of others and justifiable homicide

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence.

The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

**Favorable Report; Second Reading;
Third Reading Ordered**

J.R.S. 43

Rep. Labor of Morgan, for the Committee on Corrections and Institutions, to which had been referred Joint Senate Resolution, entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation to exchange quit claim deeds with the Vermont Land Trust and the Nature Conservancy in order to confirm the boundary between the Long Trail State Forest and the land co-owned by the Vermont Land Trust and the Nature Conservancy in the Towns of Eden and Belvidere

Reported in favor of its adoption in concurrence.

The resolution, which was treated as a bill pursuant to House Rule 52, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

[For text of the resolution, see House Journal, Tuesday, March 15, 2022.]

Message from the Senate No. 45

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. 286. An act relating to amending various public pension and other postemployment benefits.

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

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

J.R.S. 49. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

Adjournment

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