

Journal of the House

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Katelyn Macrae, Richmond Congregational Church, Richmond.

Message from the Senate No. 46

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 bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 448. An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington.

H. 491. An act relating to the creation of the City of Essex Junction and the adoption of the City charter.

H. 556. An act relating to exempting property owned by Vermont-recognized Native American tribes from property tax.

H. 627. An act relating to the Vermont Economic Development Authority.

H. 680. An act relating to obtaining a marriage license in any town in Vermont.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

House Bill Introduced

H. 745

By Rep. Leffler of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the approval of the adoption of the charter of the Town of Montgomery

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

Senate Bill Referred

S. 286

Senate bill, entitled

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

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

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 49

By Senator Balint,

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

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April 8, 2022, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

Ceremonial Reading

H.C.R. 134

House concurrent resolution recognizing April 6, 2022 as Start by Believing Day in Vermont

Offered by: Rep. Grad of Moretown and Sen. Kesha Ram Hinsdale

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, April 1, 2022 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Senate Proposal of Amendment; Bill Committed

H. 444

House bill, entitled

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

Appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up, and pending the question, Shall the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment?, **Rep. Anthony**

of **Barre City** moved to commit the bill to the Committee on Government Operations, which was agreed to.

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence

S. 184

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to defense of others and justifiable homicide

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed in concurrence.

Third Reading; Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 43

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

Was taken up, read the third time, and adopted in concurrence.

Senate Proposal of Amendment; Bill Committed

H. 447

House bill, entitled

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

Appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up, and pending the question, Shall the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment?, **Rep. Copeland Hanzas of Bradford** moved to commit the bill to the Committee on Government Operations, which was agreed to.

House Resolution Adopted

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

Was taken up and adopted.

Adjournment

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