

Journal of the House

Thursday, April 7, 2022

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

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of a devotion.

Message from the Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Ms. Brittney L. Wilson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that on the 6th day of April, 2022, he signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 722 An act relating to reapportioning the final representative districts of the House of Representatives and the senatorial districts of the Senate

H. 628 An act relating to amending a birth certificate to reflect gender identity

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 100

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to universal school breakfast and the creation of the Task Force on Universal School Lunch

Pending appearance on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to 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.

Committee Relieved of Consideration and Bill Committed to Other Committee

S. 250

Rep. Grad of Moretown moved that the Committee on Judiciary be relieved of Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to law enforcement data collection and interrogation

And that the bill be committed to the Committee on Government Operations, which was agreed to.

Committee Bill; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 744

Rep. LaClair of Barre Town spoke for the Committee on Government Operations.

House bill, entitled

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

Having appeared on the Notice Calendar and appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

**Second Reading; Proposal of Amendment Agreed to;
Third Reading Ordered**

S. 239

Rep. Black of Essex, for the Committee on Health Care, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to enrollment in Medicare supplemental insurance policies

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence with proposal of amendment as follows:

In Sec. 2, Medicare supplemental coverage; Medicare advantage plans; Department of Financial Regulation; report:

First: By striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

(a) The Department of Financial Regulation shall convene a group of interested stakeholders, including Vermonters eligible for Medicare by reason of age, disability status, or end stage renal disease and representatives of health care providers, the Community of Vermont Elders, the area agencies on aging, the Office of the Health Care Advocate, and the Department of Vermont Health Access, to consider issues relating to Medicare Advantage plans and to the availability of, enrollment in, and use of supplemental coverage by individuals enrolled in Medicare. A majority of the stakeholders shall not have a financial stake in any Medicare supplemental coverage or Medicare Advantage product.

Second: In subsection (b), by adding a new subdivision to be subdivision (4) to read as follows:

(4) the costs of Medicare Part B premiums, Medicare Part D plans, Medicare supplement plans, and Medicare Advantage plans; the effect of those costs on access to health care for Vermonters with low income who are not eligible for Medicaid or for a Medicare Savings Program; the income eligibility thresholds for Medicare Savings Programs in Vermont and in other states; and whether Vermont should consider revising the income eligibility thresholds for its Medicare Savings Programs;

and by renumbering the remaining subdivisions in subsection (b) to be numerically correct

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

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

S. 113

Rep. Burditt of West Rutland, for the Committee on Judiciary, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a cause of action for medical monitoring expenses

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.

Adjournment

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