Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Katelyn Macrae of Richmond.

Pledge of Allegiance

The President then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

Message from the House No. 41

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Melissa Kucserik, its First Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Madam President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed House bills of the following titles:

**H. 152.** An act relating to education property tax.

**H. 153.** An act relating to Medicaid reimbursement rates for home- and community-based service providers.

**H. 159.** An act relating to community and economic development and workforce revitalization.

**H. 171.** An act relating to the governance and financing of Vermont’s child care system.

**H. 183.** An act relating to sexual violence.

**H. 435.** An act relating to miscellaneous Department of Corrections-related amendments.

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

The House has adopted House concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

**H.C.R. 29.** House concurrent resolution honoring Barre Town’s Town Clerk and Treasurer, Donna Kelty.
H.C.R. 30. House concurrent resolution honoring Angeline Faraci for her teaching and soccer coaching achievements.

H.C.R. 31. House concurrent resolution in memory of U.S. Second Circuit Judge Peter W. Hall.

H.C.R. 32. House concurrent resolution honoring Ronald J. Cioffi for his outstanding leadership of the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region.


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

Message from the Governor

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

Madam President:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the Senate that on the twenty-ninth day of March 2021 he approved and signed a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 117. An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 21.

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and is as follows:

By Senator Balint,


Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April 2, 2021, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

Bill Introduced

Senate bill of the following title were introduced, read the first time and referred:
By Senator Lyons,

An act relating to health care reform implementation.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**Bills Referred**

House bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred:

**H. 152.**

An act relating to education property tax.

To the Committee on Education.

**H. 153.**

An act relating to Medicaid reimbursement rates for home- and community-based service providers.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**H. 159.**

An act relating to community and economic development and workforce revitalization.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

**H. 171.**

An act relating to the governance and financing of Vermont’s child care system.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**H. 183.**

An act relating to sexual violence.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 435.**

An act relating to miscellaneous Department of Corrections-related amendments.

To the Committee on Institutions.
Consideration Resumed; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered

S. 10.

Consideration was resumed on Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to extending certain unemployment insurance provisions related to COVID-19.

Thereupon, pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, as substituted?, was decided in the affirmative on a roll call, Yeas 18, Nays 12.

Senator Benning having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

Roll Call

Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were: Balint, Baruth, Bray, Campion, Clarkson, Cummings, Hardy, Hooker, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Nitka, Pearson, Perchlik, Pollina, Ram, Sirotkin, White.

Those Senators who voted in the negative were: Benning, Brock, Chittenden, Collamore, Ingalls, Kitchel, Mazza, Parent, Sears, Starr, Terenzini, Westman.

Thereupon, third reading of the bill was ordered.

Bills Passed

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

S. 79. An act relating to improving rental housing health and safety.

S. 101. An act relating to promoting housing choice and opportunity in smart growth areas.

Message from the House No. 42

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Melissa Kucerik, its First Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Madam President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed House bills of the following titles:

H. 210. An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system.
H. 436. An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont’s tax laws.

H. 437. An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State.

H. 438. An act relating to capital construction and State bonding.

H. 439. An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government.

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

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Balint, the Senate adjourned until one o’clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, March 31, 2021.