

Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Message from the House No. 12

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Alona Tate, its Second 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. 462. An act relating to miscellaneous Department of Health programs.

H. 466. An act relating to surface water withdrawals and interbasin transfers.

H. 693. An act relating to the annual budget vote of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District.

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

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

S. 30. An act relating to prohibiting possession of firearms within hospital buildings.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

Rules Suspended; Bill Not Referred to Committee Finance

H. 679

Appearing on the Calendar for notice, and, pending referral of the bill to the Committee on Finance pursuant to Senate Rule 31, Senator Cummings moved that the rules be suspended and the Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to fiscal year 2022 budget adjustments.

Not be referred to the Committee on Finance pursuant to Senate Rule 31

(and thereby remain on the Calendar for notice),

Which was agreed to.

Consideration Postponed

Senate bill entitled:

S. 210.

An act relating to rental housing health and safety and affordable housing.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, Senator Sirotkin moved that consideration of the bill be postponed until Tuesday, February 8, 2022, which was agreed to.

Bills Referred

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

H. 462.

An act relating to miscellaneous Department of Health programs.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

H. 466.

An act relating to surface water withdrawals and interbasin transfers.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

H. 693.

An act relating to the annual budget vote of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered

S. 113.

Senator Sears, for the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

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

Reported recommending that the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 12 V.S.A. chapter 219, section 7201, subsection (5), by striking out subdivision (B)(i) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (B)(i) to read as follows:

(B)(i) where, at any one time, 10 or more full-time or full-time equivalent employees have been employed; or

Second: in Sec. 1, 12 V.S.A. chapter 219, section 7202, in subdivision (a)(4), after “as a” and before “result of exposure” by inserting the word proximate

Third: In Sec. 4, Effective Date, by striking out “2021” where it appears and inserting in lieu thereof 2022

And that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, the recommendations of amendment were severally agreed to, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Joint Resolutions Adopted on the Part of the Senate

Joint Senate resolutions entitled:

J.R.S. 39. Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly for the election of two legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation.

J.R.S. 40. Joint resolution establishing a procedure for the conduct of the election of two legislative trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation by plurality vote by the General Assembly in 2022.

Having been placed on the Calendar for action, were taken up and adopted severally on the part of the Senate.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Balint, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, February 3, 2022.