

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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. 24

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

H. 456. An act relating to establishing strategic goals and reporting requirements for the Vermont State Colleges.

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

Bills Referred

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

H. 448.

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

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 456.

An act relating to establishing strategic goals and reporting requirements for the Vermont State Colleges.

To the Committee on Education.

Bill Passed in Concurrence**H. 654.**

House bill of the following title was read the third time and passed in concurrence:

An act relating to extending COVID-19 health care regulatory flexibility.

Third Reading Ordered**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.

Having appeared on the Calendar for notice for one day, was taken up.

Thereupon, the joint resolution was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the resolution was ordered.

Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered**S. 261.**

Senator MacDonald, for the Committee on Finance, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to municipal retention of property tax collections.

Reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 5402(c) is amended to read:

(c)(1) The treasurer of each municipality shall by December 1 of the year in which the tax is levied and on June 1 of the following year pay to the State Treasurer for deposit in the ~~education fund~~ Education Fund one-half of the municipality's statewide nonhomestead tax and one-half of the municipality's homestead education tax, as determined under subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

(2) The Secretary of Education shall determine ~~the~~ each municipality's net nonhomestead education tax payment and its net homestead education tax payment to the State based on grand list information received by the Secretary ~~no~~ not later than the March 15 prior to the June 1 net payment. Payment shall be accompanied by a return prescribed by the Secretary of Education. ~~The~~

Each municipality may retain 0.225 of one percent of the total education tax collected, only upon timely remittance of net payment to the State Treasurer or to the applicable school district or districts. The Each municipality may also retain \$15.00 for each late property tax credit claim filed after April 15 and before September 2, as notified by the Department of Taxes, for the cost of issuing a new property tax bill.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

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 recommendation of amendment was agreed to, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

House Concurrent Resolutions

The following joint concurrent resolutions having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, were severally adopted in concurrence:

By Rep. Nicoll,

By Senators Clarkson, McCormack and Nitka,

H.C.R. 106.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Robert William Kirkbride.

By Reps. Vyhovsky and others,

H.C.R. 107.

House concurrent resolution designating March 10, 2022, as Social Worker Advocacy Day at the State House.

By Rep. Pugh,

H.C.R. 108.

House concurrent resolution designating the legislative week of March 8–11, 2022 as Early Childhood Week at the General Assembly.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Balint, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 33.