

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022

Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Senate Rules, in the absence of the President and the President *pro tempore*, the time for convening of the Senate having been set at 1:00 P.M., the Senate was called to order by John H. Bloomer, Jr., Secretary of the Senate.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Presiding Officer Elected

Thereupon, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 8 of the Senate Rules, in the absence of the President and the President *pro tempore*, the Senate proceeded to the election of an acting President *pro tempore* to preside.

Nominations being in order, Senator Mazza nominated Senator Alison H. Clarkson to be acting President *pro tempore*. Senator Hooker seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, on motion of Senator Brock, the nominations were closed, and the Assistant Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for Senator Alison H. Clarkson to serve as presiding officer until the return of the President or the President *pro tempore*.

Senator Clarkson Assumes the Chair

Bill Referred to Committee on Finance

H. 655.

House bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Finance:

An act relating to telehealth licensure and registration and to provisional licensure for professions regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation.

Proposals of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered

H. 629.

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

An act relating to access to adoption records.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 4, 15A V.S.A. § 6-106, by striking out “2024” and inserting in lieu thereof 2023

Second: In Sec. 5, 15A V.S.A. § 6-107, in subsection (c), by striking out subdivision (2) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(2) A contact preference form shall include space where the parent may include information that the parent feels is important for the adoptee to know.

(3) A contact preference form may be withdrawn or revised at any time.

Third: In Sec. 8, implementation, by striking out “September” and inserting in lieu thereof October

Fourth: In Sec. 9, effective dates, in subsection (b), by striking out “2024” and inserting in lieu thereof 2023

And that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with such proposals of amendment.

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

Proposal of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered

H. 461.

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

An act relating to excluding the income of asylum seekers and refugees from household income.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in Sec. 1, 32 V.S.A. § 6061(3), subdivision (B), by striking out subdivision (ii) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (ii) to read as follows:

(ii) a person residing in the household who was granted humanitarian parole to enter the United States pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5), who is seeking or has been granted asylum pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1158, or who qualifies as a refugee pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(42), provided the person is not eligible under the laws of the United States to apply for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident; or

And that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with such proposal of amendment.

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

Proposal of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered

H. 708.

Senator Ram Hinsdale, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred House bill entitled:

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

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in Sec. 2, 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 3, section 48, subdivision (66)(C), by striking out subdivision (ii) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (ii) to read as follows:

(ii) provide for a reasonable probationary period after initial occupancy;

And that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with such proposal of amendment.

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

House Proposal of Amendment Concurred In

S. 183.

House proposal of amendment to Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to midpoint probation review.

Was taken up.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

By striking out Sec. 3, effective date, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 3 to read as follows:

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Thereupon, the question, Shall the Senate concur in the House proposal of amendment?, was decided in the affirmative.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Mazza, the Senate adjourned until eleven o'clock and thirty minutes in the morning.