

Journal of the House

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

At three o'clock in the afternoon, Rep. Long of Newfane called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Tristan Roberts of Halifax.

Rules Suspended; House Bills Introduced

Pending first reading of House bills, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred as follows:

H. 193

By Reps. Dolan of Waitsfield, Ode of Burlington, and Squirrell of Underhill,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing revenue for the Environmental Contingency Fund

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

H. 194

By Reps. Stebbins of Burlington, Torre of Moretown, Anthony of Barre City, Bluemle of Burlington, and Bongartz of Manchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the Legislative Office of Government Accountability and Strategic Planning

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 195

By Rep. Elder of Starksboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to jurisdiction over electric distribution upgrades

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

H. 196

By Rep. Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prevailing wages on State construction projects

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 197

By Reps. Stebbins of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Elder of Starksboro, Goldman of Rockingham, Hyman of South Burlington, Logan of Burlington, McGill of Bridport, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Rice of Dorset, Satcowitz of Randolph, Templeman of Brownington, and Waters Evans of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to divestment of State pension funds of investments in the fossil fuel industry

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 198

By Reps. Noyes of Wolcott, Burke of Brattleboro, Buss of Woodstock, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cole of Hartford, Donahue of Northfield, Garofano of Essex, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaBounty of Lyndon, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Morgan of Milton, Patt of Worcester, Rachelson of Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Stone of Burlington, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, and Williams of Granby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a Dementia Coordinator

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 199

By Reps. Christie of Hartford, Andriano of Orwell, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Burrows of West Windsor, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, LaMont of Morristown, Masland of Thetford, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, and Torre of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding eligibility for health insurance to all income-eligible adults regardless of immigration status

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 200

By Reps. Casey of Montpelier and Troiano of Stannard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to naming the State office building located at 133 State Street in Montpelier

To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 201

By Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the installation of fireblocking in single-family dwellings

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 202

By Rep. LaBounty of Lyndon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to traffic violations for illegally passing a school bus

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 203

By Reps. Smith of Derby, Anthony of Barre City, Arrison of Weathersfield, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Branagan of Georgia, Burditt of West Rutland, Clifford of Rutland City, Corcoran of

Bennington, Demar of Enosburgh, Graham of Williamstown, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Labor of Morgan, LaBounty of Lyndon, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Morgan of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Oliver of Sheldon, Parsons of Newbury, Patt of Worcester, Peterson of Clarendon, Satcowitz of Randolph, Stebbins of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Taylor of Milton, Templeman of Brownington, Toof of St. Albans Town, Torre of Moretown, Walker of Swanton, Williams of Granby, and Wilson of Lyndon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a report on distracted driving and options for education, enforcement, and conviction

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 204

By Reps. Nugent of South Burlington, Arsenault of Williston, Goldman of Rockingham, Hyman of South Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, Pouech of Hinesburg, Roberts of Halifax, Torre of Moretown, and Williams of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 205

By Reps. Graham of Williamstown, Surprenant of Barnard, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Branagan of Georgia, Clifford of Rutland City, Cole of Hartford, Goslant of Northfield, Higley of Lowell, Labor of Morgan, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Lipsky of Stowe, Maguire of Rutland City, Mattos of Milton, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Oliver of Sheldon, Pajala of Londonderry, Parsons of Newbury, Pearl of Danville, Peterson of Clarendon, Rice of Dorset, Sammis of Castleton, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Smith of Derby, Templeman of Brownington, Whitman of Bennington, Williams of Granby, and Wilson of Lyndon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the Small Farm Diversification and Transition Program

To the Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry.

H. 206

By Rep. Goldman of Rockingham,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous changes affecting the duties of the Department of Vermont Health Access

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 207

By Rep. Satcowitz of Randolph,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to acquittal by reason of insanity in criminal cases

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 13

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 13. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 10, 2023, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 161

House bill, entitled

An act relating to issuance of burning permits

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed.

**Favorable Reports; Second Reading;
Third Reading Ordered**

H. 46

Rep. Waters Evans of Charlotte, for the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of the dissolution of Colchester Fire District No. 3

Reported in favor of its passage.

Rep. Taylor of Colchester, for the Committee on Ways and Means, reported in favor of its passage.

The bill having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

Remarks Journalized

On motion of **Rep. Sibia of Dover**, the following remarks by **Rep. Brady of Williston** were ordered printed in the Journal:

“Madam Speaker:

Your House Education Committee was scheduled to hear testimony from local high school students this morning and those students were unable to join us because their entire school was in lockdown at the time. I feel compelled to rise today to offer my care and compassion for 1,000s of VT students and teachers who spent time this morning huddled on the floor and behind desks in over 20 of our schools while they endured the terror of an unplanned school lockdown amid reports of active shooter events. But I also have to acknowledge that care and compassion are hollow words for this awful American phenomenon. At the press conference earlier today, we were reminded that no one does their best thinking when they are afraid. While we now know that the reports today were a hoax, once again, emotional damage has been done and our schools that should be centers of thinking and learning are coping with widespread fear.”

Joint Legislative Management Committee Appointments

Pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 41, the Chair announced the Speaker's updated appointments of the following members to the Joint Legislative Management Committee:

Rep. James of Manchester

Rep. Wood of Waterbury

Rep. Shaw of Pittsford

Adjournment

At three o'clock and twenty-eight minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.