

Journal of the House

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

At three o'clock in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Josh Collier, Artistic Director, Barn Opera, Brandon.

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee as follows:

H. 258

By Reps. Graning of Jericho, Arsenault of Williston, Berbeco of Winooski, Birong of Vergennes, Burrows of West Windsor, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Christie of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Waitsfield, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Burlington, Jerome of Brandon, Lalley of Shelburne, LaMont of Morristown, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Mihaly of Calais, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Sammis of Castleton, Sibia of Dover, Small of Winooski, Squirrell of Underhill, Surprenant of Barnard, Templeman of Brownington, Toleno of Brattleboro, Torre of Moretown, Waters Evans of Charlotte, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the provision of State-funded education in districts that do not maintain an elementary or high school

To the Committee on Education.

H. 259

By Reps. Burrows of West Windsor, Andriano of Orwell, Arrison of Weathersfield, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brumsted of Shelburne, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Garofano of Essex, Graning of Jericho, Harrison of Chittenden, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, LaBounty of Lyndon, LaMont of Morristown, Masland of

Thetford, McGill of Bridport, Priestley of Bradford, Roberts of Halifax, Small of Winooski, and Waters Evans of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to school board student members

To the Committee on Education.

H. 260

By Reps. Sims of Craftsbury, Bluemle of Burlington, Andriano of Orwell, Birong of Vergennes, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burrows of West Windsor, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Dodge of Essex, Elder of Starksboro, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaBounty of Lyndon, Masland of Thetford, Roberts of Halifax, and Surprenant of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Commission on Native American Affairs

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 261

By Rep. Nicoll of Ludlow,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to retail delivery of alcoholic beverages by third-party contractors

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 262

By Rep. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to converting civil fines to community service

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 263

By Reps. Sims of Craftsbury, Houghton of Essex Junction, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Andriano of Orwell, Anthony of Barre City, Arrison of Weathersfield, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Birong of Vergennes, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Boyden of Cambridge, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buss of Woodstock, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Dolan of Essex Junction, Farlice-

Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of Rockingham, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Hooper of Burlington, Lipsky of Stowe, Morgan of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Mrowicki of Putney, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Priestley of Bradford, Sibiliala of Dover, Surprenant of Barnard, and Torre of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to emergency medical services

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 264

By Reps. Hango of Berkshire, Birong of Vergennes, and Sibiliala of Dover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to excluding disabled veterans' disability and pension income from household income

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 265

By Rep. Cordes of Lincoln,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring the adoption of a Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Act standard for violence prevention in health care and community services workplaces

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 266

By Reps. Elder of Starksboro, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Burrows of West Windsor, Buss of Woodstock, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Dodge of Essex, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaBounty of Lyndon, Lalley of Shelburne, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Morris of Springfield, Nicoll of Ludlow, Patt of Worcester, Pearl of Danville, Priestley of Bradford, Satcowitz of Randolph, Sibiliala of Dover, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Surprenant of Barnard, Templeman of Brownington, and Waters Evans of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the postretirement adjustments to the retirement allowance for the State Teachers' Retirement System of Vermont

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 267

By Reps. Roberts of Halifax, Demrow of Corinth, Donahue of Northfield, Goldman of Rockingham, and McGill of Bridport,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the establishment of year-round U.S. Eastern Standard Time

To the Committee on General and Housing.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 14

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 14. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 17, 2023, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

Ceremonial Reading

H.C.R. 28

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Creative Network for its effective initiatives to develop a thriving creative sector in Vermont

Offered by: Representative Jerome of Brandon

Whereas, innovation and a creative culture are vital elements of the Vermont brand, and

Whereas, in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 157, Sec. L.1, the General Assembly directed “the Vermont Arts Council...in collaboration with statewide partners...[to] establish the Vermont Creative Network” as a “communications, advocacy, and capacity-building entity that strengthens Vermont’s creative sector,” and

Whereas, the Vermont Creative Network has completed an ambitious statewide study that documents the substantial impact of the creative sector and offers the rationale for its expansion, and

Whereas, the Vermont Creative Network has launched CreateVT, a vision and action planning process that has resulted in a strategy for growing an inclusive and resilient creative sector that will be a robust contributor to our State's economy, and

Whereas, over 40,000 artists, architects, brewers, crafters, dancers, and members of other creative professions, as well as support staff, representing more than nine percent of the State's workforce, are enthusiastically contributing to the State's emerging creative sector, and

Whereas, the arts, the humanities, and creativity are all key to helping Vermont to recover from the pandemic and to address the challenges of racism, climate change, and affordability, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont Creative Network for its effective initiatives to develop a thriving creative sector in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Creative Network.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, February 10, 2023 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Recess

At three o'clock and twenty minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

At three o'clock and twenty-five minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Favorable Report; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 35

Rep. Chapin of East Montpelier, for the Committee on Judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Victims Assistance Program

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.

Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House Appointments

Pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 651, the Speaker appointed the following members to the Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House:

Rep. Emmons of Springfield

Rep. Bartholomew of Hartland

Rep. Shaw of Pittsford

Adjournment

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