

Journal of the House

Friday, February 17, 2023

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, **Rep. James of Manchester** called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Toussaint St. Negritude, Poet and Musician, Newark.

House Bills Introduced

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

H. 278

By Reps. Oliver of Sheldon, Bartley of Fairfax, Branagan of Georgia, Burditt of West Rutland, Christie of Hartford, Clifford of Rutland City, Demar of Enosburgh, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Randolph, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon, Smith of Derby, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, Walker of Swanton, and Wilson of Lyndon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to postsecondary opportunities for Vermont career technical education students

To the Committee on Education.

H. 279

By Rep. Andriano of Orwell,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Uniform Trust Decanting Act

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 280

By Rep. Conlon of Cornwall,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a property tax exemption for trailer coaches

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 281

By Reps. Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Arsenault of Williston, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burke of Brattleboro, Casey of Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dodge of Essex, Garofano of Essex, Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Logan of Burlington, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Nicoll of Ludlow, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Rice of Dorset, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Waters Evans of Charlotte, Whitman of Bennington, and Williams of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increased compensation and expanded benefits for members of the General Assembly

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 282

By Reps. Houghton of Essex Junction, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Cordes of Lincoln, and Goldman of Rockingham,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 283

By Reps. Black of Essex, Berbeco of Winooski, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Demar of Enosburgh, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Houghton of Essex Junction, McFaun of Barre Town, and Peterson of Clarendon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to initiatives to prevent death by suicide

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 284

By Reps. Morgan of Milton, Leavitt of Grand Isle, and Taylor of Milton,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to regulating drones above privately owned real property
To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 285

By Rep. Sammis of Castleton,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to tinted windows
To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 286

By Rep. Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to miscellaneous workers' compensation amendments
To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 287

By Rep. Hooper of Burlington,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to temporary State employees
To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 288

By Rep. Nicoll of Ludlow,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to liability for the sale of alcoholic beverages
To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 289

By Reps. Sheldon of Middlebury and Sibia of Dover,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to the Renewable Energy Standard
To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

Bills Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

House bills of the following titles, appearing on the Calendar, affecting the revenue of the State or materially affecting the revenue of one or more municipalities, under House Rule 35(a), were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

H. 66

House bill, entitled

An act relating to paid family and medical leave insurance

H. 67

House bill, entitled

An act relating to household products containing hazardous substances

H. 76

House bill, entitled

An act relating to captive insurance

Bills Referred to Committee on Appropriations

House bills of the following titles, appearing on the Calendar, carrying appropriations, under House Rule 35(a), were referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

H. 62

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the interstate Counseling Compact

H. 77

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact

H. 86

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

Ceremonial Reading**H.C.R. 29**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board on its 35th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury and Sheldon of Middlebury

Whereas, in Vermont, the extensive “creat[ion of] of affordable housing and conserving and protecting [of] Vermont’s agricultural land, historic properties, important natural areas, and recreational lands” can be attributed to the enactment of 1987 Acts and Resolves No. 88, “The Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund Act,” which established both the Fund and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB), and

Whereas, the preserved 275,699 acres of working forests, natural areas, and recreational lands and the 170,918 acres of preserved agricultural lands, consisting of 789 farms, as well as the 900 businesses enrolled in the Farm & Forest Viability Program, all demonstrate the agricultural and forestry accomplishments of the VHCB, and

Whereas, the VHCB has funded the construction or rehabilitation of 15,000 affordable homes for rental or ownership, and lead paint has been reduced in over 2,800 residences, and

Whereas, 81 historic buildings have been restored for community use, promoting the State’s architectural heritage and revitalizing village and town centers, and

Whereas, over 600 AmeriCorps members have learned important life skills and values serving on VHCB projects, and

Whereas, Vermont is a far better place to live, work, and play due to the initiatives of the VHCB, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board on its 35th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.

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

Rep. Krowinski of Burlington presiding.

Third Reading; Bill Passed**H. 190**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to removing the residency requirement from Vermont's patient choice at end of life laws

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

Message from the Senate No. 18

A message was received from the Senate by Ms. Kucserik, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

H.C.R. 31. House concurrent resolution in memory of Marshall Webb.

H.C.R. 32. House concurrent resolution congratulating Jody Stahlman on winning the 2023 Vermont State Women's Pinball Championship.

H.C.R. 33. House concurrent resolution honoring Raymond and Joyce Ballantine for their enduring community service in the Town of Jamaica.

H.C.R. 34. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2022 Montpelier High School Division III championship field hockey team.

H.C.R. 35. House concurrent resolution honoring Barre Town Manager Carl Rogers for his outstanding municipal public service.

H.C.R. 36. House concurrent resolution congratulating Shawna Wakeham-Smith of Shelburne on the tenth anniversary of her leadership as Director of Wish Granting at Make-A-Wish Vermont.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 14.

Concurrent Resolutions Adopted

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Rule 16b of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted on the part of the House:

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[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2023 Biennial Session.]