

Journal of the House

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Woodman Page of Newport City.

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 or placed on the Notice Calendar as follows:

H. 305

By the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation

Pursuant to House Rule 48, placed on the Notice Calendar.

H. 306

By Reps. Wood of Waterbury and Brumsted of Shelburne,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to permitting oral reports of child abuse and neglect
To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 307

By Reps. Lipsky of Stowe, Buss of Woodstock, and Torre of Moretown,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to the housesite value exclusion
To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 308

By Rep. LaBounty of Lyndon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to privatization contracts

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 309

By Reps. Lipsky of Stowe, Graning of Jericho, Pearl of Danville, and Sims of Craftsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to property transfer tax revenues designated for the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 310

By Reps. Lipsky of Stowe, Torre of Moretown, Austin of Colchester, Graning of Jericho, Hango of Berkshire, Hyman of South Burlington, Jerome of Brandon, Nicoll of Ludlow, Patt of Worcester, Priestley of Bradford, Satcowitz of Randolph, and Williams of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative

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

H. 311

By Reps. Headrick of Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, and Stebbins of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to University of Vermont and State Agricultural College residential living space

To the Committee on Education.

H. 312

By Reps. Goslant of Northfield, Burditt of West Rutland, and Oliver of Sheldon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to criminal violence prevention and reduction

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 313

By Rep. Hooper of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring a license to purchase a semiautomatic firearm

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 314

By Reps. McCann of Montpelier, Anthony of Barre City, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Brady of Williston, Buss of Woodstock, Chapin of East Montpelier, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, Stebbins of Burlington, and Stone of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting firearms and deadly weapons in schools and on school property

To the Committee on Education.

H. 315

By Rep. LaBounty of Lyndon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to allowing probation and parole officers to carry firearms while on duty

To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 316

By Rep. Sammis of Castleton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to designating Vermont Republic and Emancipation Day a legal holiday

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 317

By Reps. Burrows of West Windsor and Krasnow of South Burlington,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to improving the accessibility of certain residential buildings
To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 318

By Reps. Bartley of Fairfax, Arsenault of Williston, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Branagan of Georgia, Burrows of West Windsor, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Chester, Demar of Enosburgh, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Elder of Starksboro, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Gregoire of Fairfield, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, McCann of Montpelier, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Parsons of Newbury, Sims of Craftsbury, Stone of Burlington, Taylor of Milton, and Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fair employment practices and legislative leave
To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 319

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Headrick of Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Small of Winooski, and Stone of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to postsecondary schools and sexual misconduct protections
To the Committee on Education.

H. 320

By Rep. Elder of Starksboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Renewable Energy Standard
To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

H. 321

By Rep. Stebbins of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to information sharing between State agencies

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

H. 322

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington and Burditt of West Rutland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring approval of the General Assembly prior to using certain law enforcement technology or information obtained from such technology

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 323

By Rep. Satcowitz of Randolph,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting the hunting of bear or coyote with dogs

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

H. 324

By Rep. Mrowicki of Putney,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting home sharing rental income from taxation

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 325

By Reps. Andriano of Orwell, Bongartz of Manchester, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, McGill of Bridport, and Sammis of Castleton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the purchase of Camp Sunrise

To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 326

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Headrick of Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, and Stone of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibition on the transfer of Vermont inmates to an out-of-state correctional facility

To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 327

By Reps. Brumsted of Shelburne and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to revising child abuse and neglect substantiation procedures

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 328

By Reps. Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Headrick of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, Patt of Worcester, Stebbins of Burlington, and Troiano of Stannard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to heating and cooling systems owned or controlled by the State

To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 329

By Rep. Chase of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

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

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 330

By Reps. Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Dodge of Essex, Lalley of Shelburne, Pouech of Hinesburg, and Stebbins of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to new motor vehicle arbitration

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 331

By Reps. Sheldon of Middlebury and Bongartz of Manchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the structure of the Natural Resources Board

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

H. 332

By Reps. Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Buss of Woodstock, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cordes of Lincoln, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of Rockingham, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Jerome of Brandon, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, Mihaly of Calais, Morris of Springfield, Mrowicki of Putney, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Rachelson of Burlington, Rice of Dorset, Roberts of Halifax, Satcowitz of Randolph, Stebbins of Burlington, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, and Waters Evans of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a building energy code study committee

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 333

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, and Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to seizure action plans in public schools and approved independent schools

To the Committee on Education.

H. 334

By Reps. Anthony of Barre City, Branagan of Georgia, Demrow of Corinth, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Taylor of Colchester, and Toleno of Brattleboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to educator employment certification under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

To the Committee on Education.

H. 335

By Reps. Austin of Colchester and Ode of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to implementing the recommendations of the Advisory Council on Literacy

To the Committee on Education.

H. 336

By Reps. O'Brien of Tunbridge, Birong of Vergennes, Brumsted of Shelburne, and Donahue of Northfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to providing the Abenaki with access to State lands

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 337

By Rep. Mrowicki of Putney,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the classification of independent contractors

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 338

By Reps. Casey of Montpelier, Andriano of Orwell, Anthony of Barre City, McCann of Montpelier, and Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to granting certain State employees the right to strike

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 339

By Reps. Berbeco of Winooski, Andrews of Westford, Andriano of Orwell, Arsenault of Williston, Black of Essex, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burrows of West Windsor, Buss of Woodstock, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donahue of Northfield, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Houghton of Essex Junction, LaMont of Morristown, McCann of Montpelier, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Priestley of Bradford, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, Templeman of Brownington, Troiano of Stannard, Whitman of Bennington, and Williams of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to updating certain rules adopted by the Agency of Human Services

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 340

By Reps. Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Toof of St. Albans Town, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Clifford of Rutland City, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Graham of Williamstown, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Maguire of Rutland City, Marcotte of Coventry, Mattos of Milton, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Sammis of Castleton, Smith of Derby, Taylor of Milton, Walker of Swanton, and Williams of Granby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Child Care Financial Assistance Program

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 341

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, and Small of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to providing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to certain postsecondary and career technical education students

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 342

By Rep. Emmons of Springfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to confidentiality for peer support counseling among emergency service providers

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 343

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Oliver of Sheldon, and Small of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to protecting genetic information privacy and consumer health information

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 344

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Arsenault of Williston, Burditt of West Rutland, Small of Winooski, and Stone of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to adopting minimum security standards for connected devices

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

Senate Bill Referred**S. 3**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting paramilitary training camps

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Resolution Referred to Committee**H.R. 6**

House resolution, entitled

House resolution updating House Rules

Offered by: Representative Bartholomew of Hartland

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body amends the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives as follows:

1. ~~Representatives shall present their~~ Representatives' credentials, ~~in the form of their certificates of election, are presented~~ to the Secretary of State ~~in accordance with law~~ before ten o'clock in the forenoon of the first Wednesday next after the first Monday of January following their election.

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43. The Clerk shall prescribe the form of bills, specifying suitable margins and spaces, and requiring the lines of each page be numbered, and shall ~~obtain from the printer designated by the Purchasing Director, two originals~~ cause to be printed one original and ~~not less than six hundred~~ a sufficient number of copies of each bill.

44.(a) The Clerk shall submit the original bill to the Speaker for examination, after which it shall be read the first time and by the Speaker referred to the appropriate committee.

(b) Short form bills shall be drafted in standard form by the Office of Legislative Counsel only if requested by a majority vote of the committee to which the bill has been referred. A request by a committee to have a short form bill drafted in standard form may be for any reason it deems appropriate, and shall not, in itself, indicate an approval of the bill or an intention to act favorably on it.

(c) When a short form bill ~~which~~ that was changed to standard form is reported by a committee, it shall appear on the Calendar for Notice for two legislative days before being placed in the Orders of the Day. ~~Also, when a committee is relieved of a short form bill, for consideration by the House, the Legislative Counsel shall within five legislative days draft it in standard form and present it to the Clerk who shall place it on the Calendar for Notice for two legislative days before placing it in the Orders of the Day.~~

45. No bill shall be passed unless it shall have had three readings, which shall be by title only. However, upon order of the House or at the request of

~~the reporter or introducer of the bill or at the~~ direction of the Speaker, the second or third reading shall be in full or for such portion of the bill as a member shall request specified.

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48. Except as provided in ~~Rules 25 and~~ Rule 35, bills originating in and reported by committees shall be read for the first time and placed on the Calendar for Notice on the succeeding day; the second succeeding day they shall be placed on the Calendar for second reading, after which they shall proceed in regular course as other bills.

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52. Joint resolutions shall be treated in the same manner as bills, except that joint resolutions expressing the sentiments of the General Assembly; relating to adjournment, other than final adjournment; relating to salaries or mileage of the officers or members of the General Assembly; and relating to joint assemblies; may be adopted upon first reading. However, in the discretion of the Speaker, any joint resolution may be treated as a bill. Joint resolutions shall be printed in the Journal and they may in the discretion of the Speaker, and shall, upon vote of the House, be placed on the Calendar for action on the next day after being offered. To the extent applicable, a House resolution shall be so treated.

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84. No person may be admitted within the well of the House except the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, members of the Senate, Justices of the Supreme Court, Superior Judges, ~~District Judges,~~ and Senators and Representatives in Congress; former Governors, Lieutenant Governors, Justices of the Supreme Court, Superior Judges, District Judges, and members of the General Assembly; District Judges and Attorneys of the United States, members of other ~~State Legislatures~~ state legislatures, ~~the~~ Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Senate, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, and Executive Clerk; and other persons as the Speaker may allow.

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86. The taking of pictures on the floor of the House and the machine recording of the proceedings during a session thereof are prohibited except by previous permission of the presiding officer. When permission is given, all equipment to be used must be placed where it will be used before the opening of the sitting involved. ~~The use of telephones~~ Making audio or video calls or allowing telephones electronic devices to ring or send audible notifications in the House Chamber during a session thereof, is prohibited.

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Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to make technical capitalization, punctuation, and other purely non substantive, stylistic amendments to the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives in accordance with legislative drafting style.

Was read by title, treated as a bill, and referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to House Rule 52.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 15

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 15. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 24, 2023, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

Message from the Senate No. 20

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 considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 145. An act relating to fiscal year 2023 budget adjustments.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Adjournment

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