

Journal of the House

Thursday, March 30, 2023

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Ashley Bartley of Fairfax.

House Bill Introduced

H. 503

By Reps. Beck of St. Johnsbury and Campbell of St. Johnsbury,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of St. Johnsbury

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 33

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures

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

Ceremonial Reading

H.C.R. 70

House concurrent resolution honoring Heidi Baitz for her outstanding contribution to public education in the Town of Ludlow

Offered by: Representative Nicoll of Ludlow

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and White

Whereas, for nearly four decades, elementary school students in the Town of Ludlow have derived great educational benefit from the academic mentoring of Heidi Baitz, who, as the granddaughter of a former Black River High School principal, has continued a family pedagogic tradition, and

Whereas, originally a special education teacher, and, as a dedicated lifelong learner, Heidi Baitz earned a master's degree at the University of Vermont, and later, a certificate of advanced graduate studies from the University of Southern New Hampshire, and

Whereas, Heidi Baitz has developed a living history project in collaboration with the Black River Academy Museum, and in one instance, her sixth graders each selected an historic home and its past owner, a leading Ludlow personality, to study, and then portrayed the individual owners as part of a public walking tour, and

Whereas, as the school's wellness leader, Heidi Baitz has organized healthy lunch days, with menus she often prepared personally, hosted speakers on diet and wellness, arranged a master chef competition, and facilitated afterschool classes in yoga and Pilates, and

Whereas, personal wellness is important for Heidi Baitz as she regularly hikes and practices yoga, as well as bikes, does circuit training, dances, skates, swims, and, at home, she is a prolific gardener, and

Whereas, Heidi Baitz is a person of deep spirituality, who has a meaningful association with the Benedictine Monks of the Weston Priory, and

Whereas, in June 2023, Heidi Baitz will conclude her stellar teaching career, but she will no doubt remain active in Ludlow, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Heidi Baitz for her outstanding contribution to public education in the Town of Ludlow, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Heidi Baitz.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, March 24, 2023 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 276

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a rental housing registry

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

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 479

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation

Was taken up, and read a third time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill pass?, **Rep. Long of Newfane** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass?, was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 100. Nays, 39.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Demrow of Corinth	Minier of South Burlington
Anthony of Barre City	Dodge of Essex	Morris of Springfield
Arrison of Weathersfield	Dolan of Essex Junction	Mrowicki of Putney
Arsenault of Williston	Dolan of Waitsfield	Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Nicoll of Ludlow
Bartholomew of Hartland	Elder of Starksboro	Nugent of South Burlington
Berbeco of Winooski	Emmons of Springfield	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Birong of Vergennes	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	Patt of Worcester
Black of Essex	Garofano of Essex	Pouech of Hinesburg
Bluemle of Burlington	Goldman of Rockingham	Priestley of Bradford
Bongartz of Manchester	Graning of Jericho	Rachelson of Burlington
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Headrick of Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Boyden of Cambridge	Holcombe of Norwich	Roberts of Halifax
Brady of Williston	Hooper of Randolph	Satcowitz of Randolph
Brown of Richmond	Hooper of Burlington	Scheu of Middlebury
Brumsted of Shelburne	Houghton of Essex Junction	Sheldon of Middlebury
Burke of Brattleboro	Howard of Rutland City	Sibilia of Dover *
Burrows of West Windsor	Hyman of South Burlington	Sims of Craftsbury
Buss of Woodstock	James of Manchester	Small of Winooski
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Jerome of Brandon	Squirrell of Underhill
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Kornheiser of Brattleboro *	Stebbins of Burlington
Carroll of Bennington	Krasnow of South Burlington	Stevens of Waterbury
Casey of Montpelier	Lalley of Shelburne	Stone of Burlington
Chase of Chester	LaLonde of South Burlington	Surprenant of Barnard
Chase of Colchester	LaMont of Morristown	Taylor of Colchester
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Lanpher of Vergennes	Templeman of Brownington
Christie of Hartford	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Toleno of Brattleboro
Cina of Burlington	Logan of Burlington	Torre of Moretown
Coffey of Guilford *	Long of Newfane	Troiano of Stannard
Cole of Hartford	Masland of Thetford	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Conlon of Cornwall	McCann of Montpelier	White of Bethel
Corcoran of Bennington		Williams of Barre City

Cordes of Lincoln	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Wood of Waterbury
	McGill of Bridport	
	Mihaly of Calais	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	Gregoire of Fairfield	Oliver of Sheldon
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Hango of Berkshire	Page of Newport City
Branagan of Georgia	Harrison of Chittenden	Parsons of Newbury
Brennan of Colchester	Higley of Lowell	Peterson of Clarendon
Burditt of West Rutland	Labor of Morgan	Sammis of Castleton *
Canfield of Fair Haven	Laroche of Franklin	Shaw of Pittsford
Clifford of Rutland City	Lipsky of Stowe	Smith of Derby
Demar of Enosburgh	Maguire of Rutland City	Taylor of Milton
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Mattos of Milton	Toof of St. Albans Town
Donahue of Northfield	McCoy of Poultney	Walker of Swanton
Galfetti of Barre Town	McFaun of Barre Town	Williams of Granby
Goslant of Northfield	Morgan of Milton	Wilson of Lyndon
Graham of Williamstown	Morrissey of Bennington	
	Noyes of Wolcott	

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Andriano of Orwell	Marcotte of Coventry	Pearl of Danville
Brownell of Pownal	Notte of Rutland City	Whitman of Bennington
Chapin of East Montpelier	Ode of Burlington	
LaBounty of Lyndon	Pajala of Londonderry	

Rep. Coffey of Guilford explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes on H.479. This bill will invest \$850 million to maintain critical infrastructure that reaches all counties in Vermont and helps us reach our climate goals. This is a fiscally responsible act.”

Rep. Kornheiser of Brattleboro explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes because I know that Vermonters care for their roads and want them to sustain into the future.”

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Good afternoon Madam Speaker,

I would like to take this opportunity to remind this body any extra fees in a program are a burden to the most economically vulnerable Vermonters in a time of stagnant wages, record high inflation, and record high cost of living.

For these reasons, I cannot in good conscious support this bill.

Thank you.”

Rep. Sibilia of Dover explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This bill includes significant funding for rural charging infrastructure – a priority of the rural caucus. I vote yes.”

Message from the Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Ms. Brittney L. Wilson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that on the 29th day of March 2023, he signed a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 411 An act relating to extending COVID-19 health care regulatory flexibility

Recess

At one o'clock and thirty-seven minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

At two o'clock and thirty-six minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Committee Bill; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 492

Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury spoke for the Committee on Ways and Means.

House bill, entitled

An act relating to setting the homestead property tax yields and the nonhomestead property tax rate

Having appeared on the Notice Calendar and appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

Amendment Offered; Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 483

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the accountability and oversight of approved independent schools that are eligible to receive public tuition

Was taken up and, pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Labor of Morgan** moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 8, 16 V.S.A. § 828, by adding a subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, Stanstead College in Stanstead, Quebec, Canada, shall be eligible to receive public tuition if it complies with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, including implementing policies and procedures to comply with all antidiscrimination laws applicable to public schools in the province where the school is located and making reasonable efforts to enforce those policies and procedures even if those laws by their terms do not apply to the school.

Which was disagreed to. Thereupon, the bill was read a third time and passed.

**Amendment Offered; Consideration Interrupted;
Amendment Offered; Third Reading; Bill Passed**

H. 486

House bill, entitled

An act relating to school construction

Was taken up and, pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Higley of Lowell** moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 2, testing pause; polychlorinated biphenyls in schools, by striking out subdivision (c)(1)(C) in its entirety

Which was disagreed to.

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

At four o'clock and forty-two minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Walker of Swanton** moved to amend the bill as follows:

By adding a Section to be Sec. 2a to read as follows:

Sec. 2a. BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT; REIMBURSEMENT

If the Burlington School District is awarded damages in any litigation for the remediation of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at Burlington High School, the Burlington School District shall reimburse the State for any damages awarded to the School District for the costs of demolition and removal of PCBs from the High School up to the amount of the grant awarded to the Burlington School District under Sec. 2(c)(1)(C) of this act. Any monies reimbursed to the State under this section shall be deposited into the Education Fund and reserved for use for school construction as subsequently approved by the General Assembly.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Walker of Swanton?, **Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Walker of Swanton?, was decided in the negative. Yeas, 41. Nays, 98.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Arrison of Weathersfield	Goslant of Northfield	Morris of Springfield
Bartley of Fairfax	Graham of Williamstown	Morrissey of Bennington
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Gregoire of Fairfield	Oliver of Sheldon
Branagan of Georgia	Hango of Berkshire	Page of Newport City
Brennan of Colchester	Harrison of Chittenden	Pajala of Londonderry
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LaBounty of Lyndon	Ode of Burlington	
Morgan of Milton	Parsons of Newbury	

Rep. Mrowicki of Putney explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

My vote is to support the longhand work of the committee and the committee process. My vote also affirms something I learned early in my time

in the Legislature – that floor amendments leave no time for the process that a good idea deserves – and a good idea is a good idea last week or next week. So, if this is a good idea there will be time in the future for it.”

Thereupon, the bill was read a third time and passed.

**Committee Bill; Second Reading; Bill Amended;
Third Reading Ordered**

H. 493

Rep. Emmons of Springfield spoke for the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

House bill, entitled

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding

Having appeared on the Notice Calendar and appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up, and read a second time.

Rep. Harrison of Chittenden, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommended the bill ought to pass.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, **Representatives Harrison of Chittenden, Bluemle of Burlington, Brennan of Colchester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dolan of Waitsfield, Holcombe of Norwich, Lanpher of Vergennes, Mihaly of Calais, Page of Newport City, Scheu of Middlebury, Squirrel of Underhill, and Toleno of Brattleboro** moved to amend the bill as follows:

By striking out Secs. 17 and 18 in their entireties and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 17 to read as follows:

Sec. 17. FY 2024 AND 2025; CAPITAL PROJECTS; FY 2024

APPROPRIATIONS ACT; INTENT; AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that in addition to the issuance of general obligation bonds, eligible capital projects may be funded from the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b.

(b) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize certain capital projects eligible for funding by 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in this act but appropriate the funds for these projects in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. It is also the intent of the General Assembly that the FY 2024 Appropriations Act appropriate funds to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b for

projects in FY 2025, which shall be allocated pursuant to the process set forth in subsection (e) of this section.

(c) Authorizations. In FY 2024, spending authority for the following capital projects are authorized as follows:

(1) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$250,000.00 for planning, reuse, and contingency;

(2) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$135,000.00 for parking garage repairs at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington;

(3) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$1,000,000.00 for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120 State Street in Montpelier;

(4) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$600,000.00 for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern State Correctional Facility in Newport;

(5) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$750,000.00 for planning for renovations to the administration building, West Cottage, at the Criminal Justice Training Council in Pittsford;

(6) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$600,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;

(7) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$1,500,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design for the replacement of the women's correctional facility and reentry facility;

(8) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$1,000,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term stabilization facility;

(9) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$750,000.00 for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

(10) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

(11) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Rutland Field Station;

(12) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$300,000.00 for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the planning and design of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory Heat Plant;

(13) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$1,000,000.00 for electric vehicle charging stations at State buildings;

(14) the Vermont State Colleges is authorized to spend \$9,000,000.00 for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green Hall and Vail Hall;

(15) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$9,700,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State match to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund;

(16) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$4,500,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Waterbury Dam rehabilitation;

(17) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$4,000,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Municipal Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning advances for feasibility studies;

(18) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$3,000,000.00 for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the maintenance facilities at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest State Park; and

(19) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$800,000.00 for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and improvements of the Department's buildings, including conservation camps.

(d) FY 2025 capital projects. To the extent general funds are available to appropriate to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in FY 2025, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the following capital projects receive funding from the Fund:

(1) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

(2) the sum of \$2,300,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for parking garage repairs at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington;

(3) the sum of \$2,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120 State Street in Montpelier;

(4) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

(5) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

(6) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Rutland Field Station;

(7) the sum of \$1,500,000.00 to the Vermont Veterans' Home for design for the renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units;

(8) the sum of \$500,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Newport courthouse replacement, planning, and design;

(9) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel waterproofing and Aiken Avenue reconstruction; and

(10) the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the elevator replacement at 111 State Street.

(e) Recommendation. On or before December 15, 2023:

(1) the Secretary of Administration shall review and recommend capital projects to be funded from the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b; and

(2) the Secretary of Administration shall submit the list of capital projects recommended for FY 2025 to the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and to the Governor for the FY 2025 capital budget adjustment report.

and by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.

Which was agreed to. Thereupon, third reading ordered.

Recess

At six o'clock and two minutes in the evening, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

At six o'clock and fifty-six minutes in the evening, the Speaker called the House to order.

**Committee Bill; Second Reading;
Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered**

H. 494

Rep. Lanpher of Vergennes spoke for the Committee on Appropriations.

House bill, entitled

An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

Having appeared on the Notice Calendar, and appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up, and read the second time.

Long of Newfane presiding.

Speaker presiding.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, **Rep. Lanpher of Vergennes** moved to amend the bill as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. B.802, Housing and community development, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. B.802 to read as follows:

Sec. B.802 Housing and community development

Personal services	6,428,334
Operating expenses	705,584
Grants	<u>23,739,005</u>
Total	30,872,923
Source of funds	
General fund	5,031,943
Special funds	6,937,054
Federal funds	15,854,615
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,049,311</u>
Total	30,872,923

Second: By striking out Sec. B.811, Vermont housing and conservation board, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. B.811 to read as follows:

Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board

Grants	<u>86,519,068</u>
Total	86,519,068
Source of funds	
Special funds	24,552,855
Federal funds	<u>61,966,213</u>
Total	86,519,068

Third: By striking out Sec. B.813, Total commerce and community development, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. B.813 to read as follows:

Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development

Source of funds	
General fund	21,213,262
Special funds	32,106,330
Federal funds	93,013,297
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,062,973</u>
Total	151,395,862

Fourth: In Sec. B.1100, in subdivision (a)(1), by striking out “\$1,500,00” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$1,500,000.”

Fifth: By striking out Sec. B.1100(j)(5) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new B.1100(j)(5) to read as follows:

Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME
APPROPRIATIONS

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(j) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

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(5) \$1,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the State Natural Resources Conservation Council.

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Sixth: By striking out Sec. B.1100(p)(7) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new B.1100(p)(7) to read as follows:

Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME
APPROPRIATIONS

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(p) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

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(7) \$768,180 General Fund to support the implementation of a Salesforce-based community data system to three additional Children's Integrated Services regions in Vermont.

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Seventh: By striking out Sec. B.1105, Capital Projects – Fiscal Year 2024 One-time Appropriations, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. B.1105 to read as follows:

Sec. B.1105 CAPITAL PROJECTS – FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME
APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2024, \$7,385,000 is authorized from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund for the following appropriations:

(1) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

(2) \$135,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for 32 Cherry Street, parking garage repairs;

(3) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120 State Street;

(4) \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern State Correctional Facility in Newport;

(5) \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning for renovations to the administration building, West Cottage, at the Criminal Justice Training Council in Pittsford;

(6) \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;

(7) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design for the replacement of the women's correctional facility and reentry facility;

(8) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term stabilization facility;

(9) \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

(10) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

(11) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Rutland Field Station;

(12) \$300,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the planning and design of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory Heat Plant.

(b) In fiscal year 2024, \$32,000,000 is authorized from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund for the following appropriations. This funding is provided by the General Funds transferred in Sec. D.101(a)(1)(E).

(1) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for electric vehicle charging stations at State buildings.

(2) \$9,000,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green Hall and Vail Hall.

(3) \$9,700,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State match to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

(4) \$4,500,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Waterbury Dam rehabilitation.

(5) \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Municipal Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning advances for feasibility studies.

(6) \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the maintenance facilities at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest State Park.

(7) \$800,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and improvements of the Department's buildings, including conservation camps.

Eighth: By redesignating Sec. E.318.1 to be Sec. E.316.1.

Which was agreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, **Representatives O'Brien of Tunbridge, Cole of Hartford, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Lipsky of Stowe, Pearl of Danville, Rice of Dorset, Surprenant of Barnard, and Templeman of Brownington** moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. B.1101, workforce and economic development – fiscal year 2024 one-time appropriations, by striking out subdivision (g)(6) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (g)(6) to read as follows:

(6) In fiscal year 2024, \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to fund Agriculture Development Grants for Meat, Produce, and Maple processing. The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall determine that there are significant interests in establishing certain parameters in the grant program before making an award. Grants should be awarded to farmers, processors, and businesses, which shall not include hydroponic operations. Furthermore, the Secretary shall not allocate more than 25 percent of grant funds toward the maple industry. Of the funds appropriated under this subdivision, an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 may be used by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to support the cost of temporary employees to administer the grants.

Which was agreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, **Representatives Wood of Waterbury, Brumsted of Shelburne, Donahue of Northfield, Garofano of Essex, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hyman of South Burlington,**

McGill of Bridport, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Small of Winooski, and Whitman of Bennington moved to amend the bill as follows:

By inserting a new section to be Sec. E.321.1 after Sec. E.321 to read as follows:

Sec. E.321.1. GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING; PLAN TO END

HOTEL AND MOTEL PROGRAM ESTABLISHED DURING
COVID-19 EMERGENCY

(a)(1) In fiscal year 2024, \$20,000,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department for Children and Families to support any services necessary to transition individuals from the hotel and motel housing program established in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Department shall collaborate with the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, community action agencies, housing opportunity programs, and other relevant stakeholders to locate alternative housing and supportive services for individuals utilizing the hotel and motel housing program established in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(2) Of the amount appropriated in subdivision (1) of this subsection, \$10,000,000.00 shall be allocated to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for the purchase and support of manufactured housing and the remaining \$10,000,000.00 shall be utilized by the housing opportunity programs, community action agencies, and the Department for the provision of supportive services.

(b) The following households participating in the hotel and motel program on June 1, 2023 shall be eligible for alternative housing and supportive services pursuant to this section:

(1) a household that lost its housing due to a natural disaster, such as a flood, fire, or hurricane;

(2) a household that has a member who has experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;

(3) a household that has a member who has experienced a dangerous or life-threatening incident related to violence against the member that either occurred within the member's home or caused the member to reasonably believe that the member was at risk of further harm if the member remained in the home;

(4) a household with a child or children who are either under 18 years of age or who are 18 or 19 years of age and attending secondary school on a full-time basis or an equivalent level of vocational or technical training;

(5) a household that has a member who is 60 years of age or older;

(6) a household that has a member who receives SSI or SSDI;

(7) a household that has a member who is pregnant;

(8) a household that is pursuing legal resolution of violations of the Rental Housing Health Code through the Department of Health or appropriate local officials; and

(9) a household that has been physically barred from entering their residence through an intentional act of the landlord.

(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section shall reduce the General Fund fiscal year 2024 funds available for child care and early education policy adjustments from \$91,679,795.00 to \$71,679,795.00.

Which was agreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, **Rep. Lanpher of Vergennes** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 98. Nays, 34.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Cordes of Lincoln	Mrowicki of Putney
Anthony of Barre City	Demrow of Corinth	Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington
Arrison of Weathersfield	Dodge of Essex	Nicoll of Ludlow
Arsenault of Williston	Dolan of Essex Junction	Noyes of Wolcott
Austin of Colchester	Dolan of Waitsfield	Nugent of South Burlington
Bartholomew of Hartland	Durfee of Shaftsbury	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Berbeco of Winooski	Emmons of Springfield	Patt of Worcester
Birong of Vergennes	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	Pouech of Hinesburg
Black of Essex	Garofano of Essex	Priestley of Bradford
Bluemle of Burlington	Goldman of Rockingham	Rachelson of Burlington
Bongartz of Manchester	Graning of Jericho	Rice of Dorset
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Headrick of Burlington	Roberts of Halifax
Boyden of Cambridge	Holcombe of Norwich	Satcowitz of Randolph
Brady of Williston	Hooper of Burlington	Scheu of Middlebury
Brown of Richmond	Houghton of Essex Junction	Sheldon of Middlebury
Brumsted of Shelburne	Howard of Rutland City	Sibilia of Dover
Burke of Brattleboro	Hyman of South Burlington	Sims of Craftsbury
Burrows of West Windsor	James of Manchester *	Small of Winooski
Buss of Woodstock	Jerome of Brandon	Squirrell of Underhill
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Stebbins of Burlington
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Krasnow of South Burlington	Stevens of Waterbury
Carroll of Bennington		

Casey of Montpelier	LaBounty of Lyndon	Stone of Burlington
Chapin of East Montpelier	Lalley of Shelburne	Taylor of Colchester
Chase of Chester	LaLonde of South	Templeman of Brownington
Chase of Colchester	Burlington	Toleno of Brattleboro
Chesnut-Tangerman of	LaMont of Morristown	Torre of Moretown
Middletown Springs	Lanpher of Vergennes	Troiano of Stannard
Christie of Hartford	Leavitt of Grand Isle	White of Bethel
Cina of Burlington	Logan of Burlington	Whitman of Bennington
Coffey of Guilford	Long of Newfane	Williams of Barre City
Cole of Hartford	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Wood of Waterbury *
Conlon of Cornwall	McGill of Bridport	
Corcoran of Bennington	Mihaly of Calais	
	Minier of South Burlington	
	Morris of Springfield	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	Goslant of Northfield	McFaun of Barre Town
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Gregoire of Fairfield	Morrissey of Bennington
Branagan of Georgia	Hango of Berkshire	Oliver of Sheldon
Brennan of Colchester	Harrison of Chittenden	Page of Newport City
Burditt of West Rutland	Higley of Lowell	Peterson of Clarendon
Canfield of Fair Haven	Labor of Morgan	Shaw of Pittsford
Clifford of Rutland City	Laroche of Franklin	Smith of Derby *
Demar of Enosburgh	Lipsky of Stowe	Taylor of Milton
Dickinson of St. Albans	Maguire of Rutland City	Toof of St. Albans Town
Town	Marcotte of Coventry	Walker of Swanton
Donahue of Northfield	Mattos of Milton	Williams of Granby
Galfetti of Barre Town	McCoy of Poultney	

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Andriano of Orwell	McCann of Montpelier	Pearl of Danville
Brownell of Pownal	Morgan of Milton	Sammis of Castleton
Elder of Starksboro	Notte of Rutland City	Surprenant of Barnard
Graham of Williamstown	Ode of Burlington	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Hooper of Randolph	Pajala of Londonderry	Wilson of Lyndon
Masland of Thetford	Parsons of Newbury	

Rep. James of Manchester explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We’re all familiar with the phrase “put your money where your mouth is.” In H.494, we’ve built a balanced, fiscally responsible budget that weighs many

competing needs while investing in people, programs, and community in every corner of Vermont. I was glad to vote ‘yes’ for this FY24 budget.”

Rep. Smith of Derby explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I was elected to be fiscally responsible not irresponsible.”

Rep. Wood of Waterbury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This budget reflects the needs of Vermonters all across this state. We listened and now we’ve acted. I am proud to support Vermonters with this budget.”

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and fifty-eight minutes in the evening, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.