

# Journal of the House

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

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

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Mari Cordes of Lincoln.

## 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 25th day of April 2023, he signed a bill originating in the House of the following title:

### **H. 35 An act relating to the Victims Assistance Program**

#### **Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means**

#### **S. 95**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to banking and insurance

Appearing on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to House Rule 35(a), affecting the revenue of the State, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### **Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**

#### **J.R.S. 25**

By Senator Baruth,

**J.R.S. 25.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

#### ***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April 28, 2023, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

**Ceremonial Readings****H.C.R. 30**

House concurrent resolution congratulating World Learning Inc on its 90th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Chase of Chester, Goldman of Rockingham, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Long of Newfane, Mrowicki of Putney, Pajala of Londonderry, Roberts of Halifax, Sibilica of Dover, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senators Harrison and Hashim

Whereas, in 1932, World Learning Inc (World Learning) was established in Putney as The Experiment in International Living, the first program to enable Americans to engage in overseas educational and intercultural programs, and

Whereas, after World War II, World Learning sent groups of youth to Western Europe to assist in rebuilding war-torn communities, and

Whereas, in 1961, the Kennedy Administration enlisted The Experiment in International Living to design and deliver trainings for Peace Corps volunteers and to serve as a training center for 70 projects for over 30 countries, and

Whereas, based on its Peace Corps projects and similar activities, in 1964, World Learning established the School for International Training (SIT), which now annually sends over 2,000 American college and graduate students on semester-abroad study programs in 55 countries, and

Whereas, from 1979 to 1996, World Learning provided services in support of the resettlement of Southeast Asian refugees, and since December 2021, it has engaged in refugee resettlement efforts in southern Vermont, and

Whereas, World Learning administers more than 90 development programs in over 30 countries, and its youth, academic, and professional exchanges bring over 2,000 emerging leaders to the United States each year for educationally enriching degree and nondegree programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates World Learning Inc on its 90th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to World Learning Inc.

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

**H.C.R. 97**

House concurrent resolution honoring Boy Scout Troop 1 in Barre on becoming the official descendant of America's first Boy Scout troop

Offered by: Representatives Williams of Barre City, Anthony of Barre City, Galfetti of Barre Town, and McFaun of Barre Town

Whereas, on January 24, 1908, Robert Baden-Powell established the Boy Scout movement in England with the issuance of the first installment of his publication *Scouting for Boys*, and

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America were not officially organized until February 8, 1910, but the movement's presence in the United States precedes that formal inauguration date, and

Whereas, more than one Boy Scout troop has laid claim to the great honor of being the nation's first, but no troop has a stronger claim to this distinction than Troop 1 in Barre, with a history dating from 1909, when it met under the leadership of Barre resident William Foster Milne and the sponsorship of the First Baptist Church, and

Whereas, the U.S. Postal Service has honored Troop 1's pedigree, and an urn recognizing its historic status stands in front of the First Baptist Church, and

Whereas, in November 2018, an even more impressive sculptural recognition of Troop 1's legacy—a life-sized monument carved by local artisan Giuliano Cecchinelli II—was dedicated in Barre City's Depot Square, and it depicts two Scouts, one draped over the other's back in the fireman's carry, and

Whereas, Boy Scouting thrived for many years in Barre, but sadly, the changing times had reduced its presence to only two troops, 714 and 795, and

Whereas, in 2022, the two troops merged and adopted the historic designation Troop 1, and under the sponsorship of Granite Lodge #35 Free and Accepted Masons, the new Troop 1 is moving forward on an exciting path, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Boy Scout Troop 1 in Barre on becoming the official descendant of America's first Boy Scout troop, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Boy Scout Troop 1 in Barre.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, April 21, 2023 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

**Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in  
With a Further Amendment Thereto**

**H. 53**

The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled

An act relating to driver's license suspensions

The Senate proposed to the House to amend the bill by striking out Sec. 2, effective date, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall not suspend any driver's licenses or privileges to operate that are not already suspended as of the effective date of this act solely for the nonpayment of a civil penalty for a traffic violation committed prior to the effective date of this act.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect 30 calendar days after passage.

Pending the question, Shall the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment?, **Reps. Dolan of Essex Junction and Kornheiser of Brattleboro** moved to concur in the Senate proposal of amendment with further amendment thereto by striking out Secs. 2 and 3 in their entireties and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall not suspend any driver's licenses or privileges to operate that are not already suspended as of the effective date of this section solely for the nonpayment of a civil penalty for a traffic violation committed prior to the effective date of this section.

Sec. 3. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

The General Assembly finds that the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund, created by 13 V.S.A. § 5360 and which receives \$10.00 from each Judicial Bureau Surcharge imposed pursuant to 13 V.S.A. § 7282(a)(8)(D), might see decreased revenue if fewer individuals promptly pay judgments owed on traffic violations for which the imposition of points against the individual's driving record is authorized by law and that an increased revenue source is needed in order to ensure sufficient grant funding for the Vermont Network against Domestic and Sexual Violence and for the Criminal Justice Training Council position dedicated to domestic violence training.

Sec. 4. 32 V.S.A. § 1712 is amended to read:

§ 1712. TOWN CLERKS

Town clerks shall receive the following fees for issuing marriage licenses and vital event certificates:

(1) For issuing and recording a civil marriage license, ~~\$60.00~~ \$80.00 to be paid by the applicant, ~~\$10.00~~ \$15.00 of which sum shall be retained by the town clerk as a fee, ~~\$35.00~~ \$50.00 of which shall be deposited in the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund created by 13 V.S.A. § 5360, and \$15.00 of which sum shall be paid by the town clerk to the State Treasurer in a return filed quarterly upon forms furnished by the State Treasurer and specifying all fees received by ~~him or her~~ the town clerk during the quarter. Such quarterly period shall be as of the first day of January, April, July, and October.

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Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) Sec. 4 (marriage licenses; 32 V.S.A. § 1712) shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

(b) All other sections shall take effect 30 calendar days after passage.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to driver’s license suspensions and revenue for the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund”

Which was agreed to.

**Action on Bill Postponed**

**H. 89**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to civil and criminal procedures concerning legally protected health care activity

Was taken up and, pending consideration of the Senate proposal of amendment, on motion of **Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington**, action on the bill was postponed until April 27, 2023.

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**Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence  
With Proposal of Amendment**

**S. 73**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to workers' compensation coverage for firefighters with cancer

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

**Message from the Senate No. 46**

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 passed Senate bill of the following title:

**S. 146.** An act relating to the permitting of indirect discharges.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

**H. 418.** An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the Town of Barre.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

**Adjournment**

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