

Journal of the House

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Troy Headrick of Burlington.

Pledge of Allegiance

Page Aliyah Ivey-Leake of Shaftsbury led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recess

At ten o'clock and nineteen minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

At ten o'clock and thirty-eight minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Message from the Senate No. 47

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

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has considered bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 40. An act relating to nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a condom.

H. 666. An act relating to escrow deposit bonds.

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

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

H. 363. An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on certain hair types and styles.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

J.R.S. 53. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on April 19, 2024.

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

House Bill Introduced

H. 885

By Reps. Donahue of Northfield and Goslant of Northfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the Town of Berlin

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

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 881

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington

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

Joint Resolution Placed on Calendar

J.R.H. 10

Joint resolution, entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the Green Mountain Girls State educational program to use the State House facilities on June 27, 2024

Offered by: Representative Bos-Lun of Westminster

Whereas, the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Vermont sponsors the Green Mountain Girls State educational program, providing a group of girls entering the 12th grade a special opportunity to study the workings of State government, including conducting a mock legislative session at the State House, and

Whereas, this special experience is a unique civic lesson of lasting value for the participants, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That subject to the determination of and limitations that the Sergeant at Arms may establish, the Green Mountain Girls State educational program is authorized to use the chambers and committee rooms of the State House on Thursday, June 27, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Vermont.

Was read by title and placed on the Action Calendar on the next legislative day pursuant to House Rule 52.

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence

S. 199

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to mergers and governance of communications union districts

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

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 16th day of April 2024, he signed a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 554 An act relating to approval of the adoption of the charter of the Town of South Hero

Adjournment

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